

Police seal off Berkshire market town in Britain's worst gun massacre

14 die as gunman runs amok

Police sealed off Hungerford, Berkshire, after a gunman ran amok, killing 14 people and wounding another 14.

The man, named as Michael Ryan, aged 27, shot himself shortly after 8pm, police said.

Earlier, teams of police marksmen surrounded a school in the town to which he had fled.

Residents were told to stay indoors or risk their lives after the gunman had fired indiscriminately in the town.

Marksman surround besieged school

By Stewart Tendler, Andrew Morgan, David Sapsted and Michael McCarthy

At least fourteen people were killed yesterday and at least 14 were wounded, many of them seriously, when a gunman ran amok in Hungerford, Berkshire, and then killed himself.

Britain's worst shooting incident took place within the space of an hour and many victims were hit as they drove or walked along a 300-yard stretch in the small market town.

Hungerford was sealed off as teams of Thames Valley police marksmen surrounded Michael Ryan, aged 27, of South View, Hungerford, who had taken refuge in a school, armed with a semi-automatic assault rifle.

Last night, after several hours in which police who tried to make contact with him were greeted by random gunfire, a single smouldering fire was heard from the building. An ambulance was called and police said that they believed Ryan had shot himself.

The dead are known to include at least one policeman shot in the back. It is believed that the gunman's mother was among those who died, having been shot before he set their home on fire. Four neighbours

housing houses were also burnt last night.

The injured included a second policeman and a child shot in the legs.

Earlier the man, a gun collector and member at one time of a gun club, had emptied the streets of the town as he strolled with a gun in each hand, opening fire in

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discriminately. Bodies were left out in the open as police were pinned down unable to move and residents were ordered to stay indoors.

An Army helicopter was called in to move police teams round the town and Scotland Yard sent two armoured Land Rovers from Heathrow Airport.

The shootings will raise fresh questions about the availability of weapons and ammunition to the public and the effectiveness of the current system for licensing and monitoring firearms. The gunman was armed with a semi-automatic weapon and is reported to have stored ammunition in a garden shed.

Downing Street said that the Prime Minister, on holiday in Cornwall, had been informed of the shooting by her private office and had been kept abreast of events.

The shootings are thought to have begun west of Hungerford in the Savernake Forest, close to Marlborough in Wiltshire.

A woman was shot dead on an unmarked road through the forest called the Grand Avenue at about 12.40 pm. Two children, aged two and four, were left to wander.

Police said that they thought the woman had been having a picnic with her children when the gunman came upon them and opened fire.

A few minutes later, a gold coloured Astra car pulled in to the Golden Arrow filling station at Frossfield on the A4 east of the forest.

The driver filled his car and then opened fire with a pistol on the cashier, Mrs Margaret Dean, who was saved from injury by the armoured glass.

Ten minutes later the gunman is thought to have opened fire on a family walking on Hungerford Common. Mr Kenneth Clements, aged 52, and his son Robert, aged

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The first of the survivors of the mass shooting leaving hospital in Swindon. (Photographs: Chris Forsey)



Berkshire ambulancemen lifting a young woman victim of the gunman on to a stretcher in Hungerford yesterday.

'A real loner who had all sorts of guns'

By Andrew Morgan

According to local people, the gunman is thought to be Michael Ryan, aged 27, who is renowned in the Hungerford area as a classic "loner" interested in powerful weapons.

An only child, he lived with his widowed mother, Dorothy, aged 60, in their terraced house in Southview, Hungerford.

He is said to have been deeply distressed by the death two years ago of his father, Alfred, a surveyor with the now defunct Hungerford Rural District Council.

Acquaintances say that he withdrew into his world of weaponry and was a member of the former Oxford Gun Club.

He distanced himself from the people of Hungerford, where he had grown up, and few people in the northern area of the town, which has a population of 5,000, knew him closely.

At one time he had run a gun shop in Marlborough, but it was not a success and he spent several years drifting from one job to another.

Mrs Terry Fox, who runs a grocery shop with her husband, Roy, near Ryan's home, said: "I remember him as a quiet little boy but he never came in recently. He always seemed a bit distant."

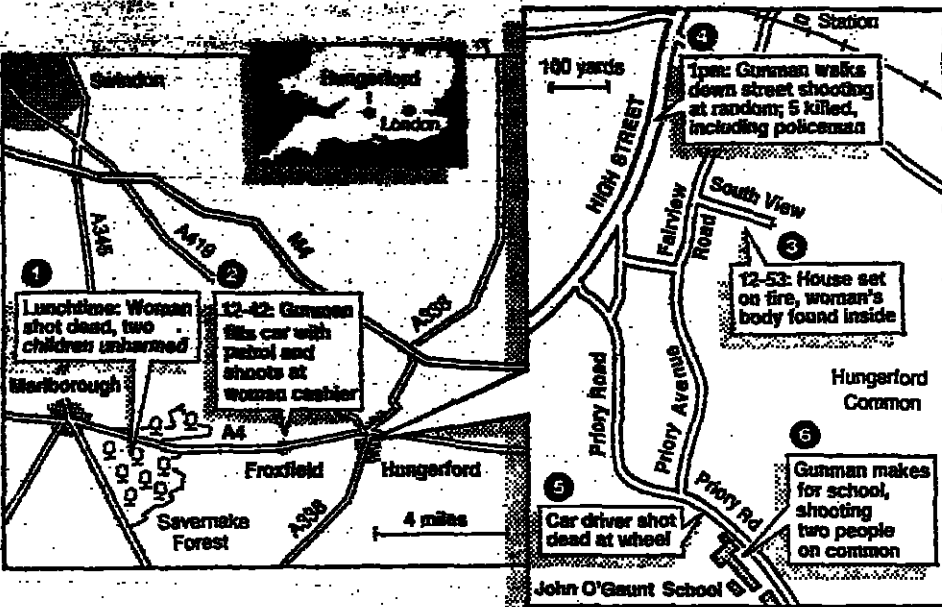
Mrs Guytha Hunt, who lived next door to the Ryans for 25 years, said that Dorothy Ryan was one of her closest friends but she had always found Michael Ryan strange.

"He was a real loner who went in for all sorts of guns, which he had collected since he was a teenager," she said.

"His mother doted on him and always bought things for him."

"He always had a new car and lots of different girlfriends but he wasn't a ladies' man — he was too much of a loner."

Mrs Ethel Stockwell, a former nurse aged 74, said that she was very close to Dorothy Ryan but always found Michael impenetrable. "There was something about him I couldn't quite put my finger on", she said.



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Degree course vacancies

The Times Degree Course Vacancies Service continues today on page 32 with a comprehensive list of remaining university and polytechnic vacancies in law, business and administration, architecture, building, planning, politics and other social studies.

Portfolio Gold

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UBS deal with Hill Samuel off

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Takeover plans which would have made Hill Samuel, one of the City's best-known merchant banks, part of Switzerland's biggest banking group collapsed yesterday, wiping millions of pounds off the company's market value.

Talks between Union Bank of Switzerland and Hill Samuel began more than a month ago but ended when UBS decided that it only wanted to buy about half the Hill Samuel group. UBS said it wanted the merchant banking operation and part of the investment management division, but it did not want the life assurance, ship broking and insurance broking divisions.

The decision is a blow to Hill Samuel, whose shares plummeted 110p to 652p. It leaves the banking group highly vulnerable to a hostile bid which it had been hoping to avoid by linking up with UBS.

The bank's greatest worry is that its two largest shareholders, Mr Larry Adler, head of the Australian insurance group FAI, and Mr Kerry Packer, the Australian businessman, may support a hostile bidder. Between them they own 26 per cent of the group and each suffered paper losses of £14 million in yesterday's share fall.

Mr Adler yesterday angrily accused the Hill Samuel board of misleading shareholders into believing that UBS was certain to make a bid. But he said: "A number of other companies are interested in taking over Hill Samuel now that the UBS merger talks have ended."

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Record three-day loss as shares tumble

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Shares plunged for the third day, running on the Stock Exchange yesterday, cutting the FT-SE 100 share index by almost 100 points so far this week. The fall has cost investors a record three-day loss of more than £17 billion in share values.

Dealers were worried about the money supply figures due to be announced today, which they fear could set off a further rise in interest rates after the surprise one-point increase a fortnight ago.

In thin holiday trading, the FT-SE 100 share index has now fallen 28 points below its close on August 7, after the two-day mini-crash following the rise in rates on Black Thursday.

The share index fell by 143 points in the whole of that week but recovered half that last week.

Shares in British Airways fell a further 7p to 190p just one day after investors had to pay the second instalment on the 125p offer price.



The money figures are expected to show a further sharp growth in credit. A rise in bank lending of £3 billion or more would confirm market fears. Today's figures could also show a further rise in the Chancellor's favourite measure of the money supply.

If so, the Bank of England and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will argue that they imposed the earlier shock rise in interest rates because of the boom in credit, and that no further action is needed until the effects of the action can be judged.

A new economic forecast by the National Institute, a leading independent research group, also dismisses City fears that the economy is overheating.

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Whitehall cover-up on Nazis

By Tom Bower and Michael Evans

New evidence has emerged that in 1947 the Foreign Office covered up the fact that among thousands of Ukrainians and Baltic nationals brought to Britain from a camp near Rimini in Italy there were many former Nazi SS officers suspected of committing atrocities in eastern Europe.

Government documents reveal that none of those who were allowed to come to Britain were properly screened to seek out suspected war criminals. Yet it was officially claimed that there had been a thorough screening procedure.

Among the 1,000 Baltic nationals was Mr Antanas

Gecas, alleged by the Nazi-hunting organization, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, to have been a member of the 12th Lithuanian Police Battalion.

Spectrum

ion, responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jews in the Second World War. Mr Gecas, aged 71, now runs a boarding house in Edinburgh.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who was a former member of the diplomatic service and had negotiated successfully on Churchill's behalf with Tito in Yugoslavia during the war, was sent to the Italian displaced persons' camp with a

team to try to screen the 8,000 Ukrainians and 1,000 Baltic citizens.

Sir Fitzroy now says: "We never had a chance to screen the Ukrainians properly, although I'm sure that there were war criminals among them."

He warned the Foreign Office in a report that some of the people he had interviewed may have served with the SS.

The latest evidence shows that although Foreign Office officials became convinced that war criminals were involved, it was decided, with the War Office, that they should be allowed into Britain for at least a year.

Another convoy in Gulf

A third convoy of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers escorted by the US Navy swept through the Gulf yesterday.

The convoy was met by mine-sweeping Sea Stallion helicopters from the USS Guadalcanal, the helicopter assault ship that entered the Gulf at the weekend and cleared the sea lanes through which the tankers passed.

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Hostage wrote notes in blood

Mr Charles Glass, the American journalist who escaped after being held hostage in Beirut for 62 days, told The Times yesterday how he had tried to send secret messages written in his own blood while he was a captive. He said his kidnappers feared an attempt to rescue by force the American hostages held in Lebanon.

Saudis expel 29 Britons

Saudi Arabia yesterday ordered the expulsion of 29 Britons, including 11 nurses, who had been arrested at a party in Jeddah at which alcohol and drugs were alleged to have been used.

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Suicide theme of Hess note

British authorities in Berlin said yesterday an autopsy showed that Rudolf Hess died from asphyxiation after he wrapped a cord around his neck. He left a note which clearly implied he planned suicide.

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NEWS SUMMARY

'Sex abuse' care orders dropped

Care orders on two Cleveland girls aged five, diagnosed as sex abuse victims by Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, were dropped in court yesterday. One of the girls was returned to her parents last night after 105 days in foster care.

She will celebrate her sixth birthday next week at home in Grangeview with her two brothers, who were also in care for a month as a precaution.

Cleveland social services also abandoned care order action on the other girl, who has already returned to her home in Eton.

The decisions by a Middlesbrough juvenile court came after second opinions were sought from health authority specialists to check the findings of Dr Wyatt and Dr Marietta Higgs.

'Bishop' cleared

A self-styled "bishop", aged 60, from south London, went yesterday after a jury at the Central Criminal Court acquitted him of raping and making pregnant a girl aged 18 from his flock.

Members of his congregation, all dressed in sky-blue, cried: "Thank you Jesus" when the verdict was announced.

The girl, who had a baby eight months after the alleged rape, denied making up the story. The jury was told she probably became pregnant at least five weeks before the alleged attack.

Leonardo trial

A man who is alleged to have fired a shotgun at "The Virgin Mary and Child" cartoon by Leonardo da Vinci was committed at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Robert Cambridge, aged 37, unemployed, of Glen Albyn Road, Wimbledon, is accused of causing criminal damage in the National Gallery, London, on July 17, and of possessing a firearm.

He was remanded in custody.

Telecom fraud raids

Detectives believe they have broken a telephone fraud involving bogus "dial-a-message" companies which could have cost British Telecom millions of pounds.

During co-ordinated raids early yesterday in Sussex, Hampshire, London, the Midlands and the North-west, 35 people were arrested.

Forty-five raids were carried out by more than 150 police officers, mostly on private homes, after several weeks of inquiries.

Sussex police emphasized that no BT-provided "dial-a-message" services were involved in the investigation and no BT premises were raided.

Solicitor inquiry

The Law Society is to investigate how Kevin Gibbons, a solicitor, escaped a jail sentence after pleading guilty twice in three months to driving while nearly five times over the alcohol limit.

Mr Gibbons, aged 45, was fined £500 and banned from driving for 10 years when he appeared before magistrates at Witham, Essex, on Tuesday.

He said his drinking was caused partly by constant pain from a broken elbow but he shed his sling when celebrating in a public house later.

Decision on editor

Investors in the newspaper, *News on Sunday*, meet today to decide their next moves after Mr Brian Whitaker's resignation as acting editor. He is the third editor to go since the April launch.

The paper is being kept alive by money from the Transport and General Workers' Union and Mr Owen Oyston, a wealthy Lancashire businessman. Mr Whitaker left on Monday, saying that Mr Oyston's editorial consultant, Mr Bill Nutting, was producing the paper without consulting him. Both he and Mr Nutting are still candidates for the editor's job.

Picket on spastics' training

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

For the first time in its 36-year history, the Spastics Society was picketed yesterday by parents of handicapped children.

The 30 parents and their children, some in wheelchairs, were protesting against the society's intention to spend £500,000, much of it to be raised through the Stars Organization for Spastics, on developing their own version of the conductive education techniques used at the Peto Institute in Budapest for children with cerebral palsy and other severe handicaps.

The parents, supporters of the newly formed charity, Rapid Action for Conductive Education, say the Spastics Society's "adapted conductive education" is nothing like the real thing and that the money should be spent on training conductors by the lengthy Hungarian method.

Peto Institute staff work with children for 13 hours a day. The same children in Britain would receive no more than a few hours physiotherapy a week. It costs about £1,000 a month to give a child the four-year Peto Institute treatment.

The Spastics Society is spending £20,000 a year on each child, providing "adapted" conductive education at five of its schools.

The Rapid Action parents argue that the Spastics Society staff are not trained on Peto lines and that the society should not use the "conductive education" when it admits that it has different, more limited aims.

The Spastics Society chairman, Mr Douglas Shapland, said: "We have to help children here and now".

Attack on L-test proposals

By Paul Eastham

Government proposals for cutting the number of hopeless candidates taking driving tests would cause "chaos and confusion" Britain's biggest driving school said yesterday.

Mr Clive Deacon, managing director of the British School of Motoring, said the plans were too divorced from the industry.

The Department of the Environment says a quarter of test candidates have no real chance of passing. Test centres could refuse to take them if instructors were required to counter-sign a certificate saying they were ready. This could raise the pass rate to more than 60 per cent and cut the average test waiting list from 14 to six weeks.

Mr Deacon said the best way to reduce hopeless candidates would be to use a staged tuition programme.

Children infected with the AIDS virus go on to develop the disease more quickly than older people, two professors, one in London and one in America, have discovered.

The conclusion comes from a study of infants contaminated with HIV, human immunodeficiency virus, from blood transfusions.

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Job losses over pregnancy 'unlawful'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

The legal rights of women workers who become pregnant have been strengthened with four new tribunal rulings that dismissal of such women by employers is unlawful.

The rulings are important because they mean that women who have been in a job for less than two years, and are therefore excluded from the benefits of the Employment Protection Act 1975, can still claim protection under the sex discrimination laws.

The latest cases, three of which were backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, have resulted in orders by the tribunals for employers to pay more than £3,000 total compensation to the pregnant women who were dismissed.

The cases were brought by a care assistant at an old people's home, a computer clerk in a double glazing firm, a teacher in a school for handicapped pupils, and an assistant baker at a bakery.

Ms Nicky Jones, principal legal officer at the Equal Opportunities Commission, said: "This is good news for the millions of women who go out to work and are worrying about starting a family in case they lose their jobs".

Pregnant women can claim sex discrimination if they can show that male employees who take time off work — such as for sickness — would not be dismissed. But the commission is still expected to press the Government for a change in the law to remove the two-year qualifying period in the Employment Protection Act so that all women are covered by it.

That is because remedies under the Sex Discrimination Act are limited to an award of damages and a recommendation for action to reduce the effects of the discrimination. They do not include an order for reinstatement, as under the employment protection laws.

In one case Mrs Wendy Callis-Smith, aged 26, was dismissed from her job as a care assistant at an old people's home in Humberdale after telling her employer that she was pregnant. Her employer said she had been dismissed because she refused to carry out heavy work and her work was not adequate.

Mrs Callis-Smith said she had received no complaints. She said she had never refused to do any of her duties because of her pregnancy.

The tribunal awarded Mrs Callis-Smith £1,400.

In the second case Mrs Pamela Barratt, aged 30, from Manchester, told the tribunal that after she informed her employer that she was pregnant, he asked her to take redundancy pay rather than exercise her right to return to work.

Mrs Barratt, a computer clerk with the firm for more than two years, was able to show that only a year earlier a male employee who was off work for five months had his job held open.

The tribunal awarded her £500. In a third case a Leeds tribunal condemned a school's governors for their "old fashioned" attitude, that a "career woman" has to forfeit her job because she is pregnant.

The governors of Holly Bank School for handicapped children dismissed Mrs Anne

New jail plans under attack

By Our Legal Affairs
Correspondent

The Government's big £690 million prison building programme — which will increase the size of the prison system by half — is likely to stimulate greater use of custody by magistrates and judges, according to a paper published today.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) says the building programme will expand the prison system by more than 40 per cent between 1983 and 1995.

In addition, the Home Secretary in July promised he would in due course announce a further "substantial expansion and acceleration" of the building programme and this is expected to involve another 10 to 20 new prisons, Nacro says.

If each prison had an average of 500 places, the prison system would be boosted by nearly 60 per cent.

Miss Vivien Stern, Nacro director, commented: "This would produce a prison system capable of holding 60,000 prisoners, and more, if the system were overcrowded".

She called for a "radical shift" in sentencing policy to cut the use of prison. "At present we are constructing in bricks and mortar an approach to dealing with offenders even more dominated by imprisonment than the present one", she said.

"Moreover, there is a real danger that the rapidly growing building programme will in itself provide a direct stimulus to the greater use of custody by the courts."

Nacro's comments come the day after another penal reform group, the Howard League, called for a radical reform of the criminal justice system and a move away from imprisonment to reparation.

Miss Stern added that to try to remedy prison overcrowding by a big building programme assumed the projected increase in the prison population was "either desirable or could not be prevented". Neither assumption was true, she said.

All other EEC countries used imprisonment more sparingly than Britain, where only one in five people imprisoned each year was a violent offender.

"To plough such vast resources into prison building is no answer to the problems of crime."

"To spend even a fraction of this money on well thought out crime prevention measures would do far more to victims than building more and more establishments which will simply educate increasing numbers of minor offenders in the ways of crime."

Instead there needed to be greater use of non-custodial measures or shorter sentences.

Judges in favour of retraining

Circuit judges in civil cases are overwhelmingly in favour of retraining courses on criminal sentencing, according to a survey by the Judicial Studies Board (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

Just over 62 per cent of the judges said that such courses would be "very desirable", while 33 per cent welcomed them although they thought they could be only "marginally useful".

Only 4.5 per cent of the 154 judges who responded to the questionnaire, sent out by Judge Frank White, of the board's civil and family committee, thought such courses were "unnecessary". No judge said they were undesirable.

The majority were also in favour of a civil bulletin or similar publication to inform them of relevant decisions, legislation and statutory instruments, practice directions and other pending changes in the law.

The Judicial Studies Board, which is expanding its role to cover the training of judges in the civil courts, will start civil induction courses next month for newly-appointed deputy registrars and assistant recorders.

Pay cut vote to save jobs

Workers at the Massey-Ferguson tractor manufacturing plant in Coventry have voted to take a £20 a week pay cut to save the jobs of 146 colleagues threatened with redundancy.

The company had announced 1,000 redundancies in a cost-cutting exercise. But it said that because of agreement on more flexible working, the employees would earn in bonuses what they might lose on basic pay.

TUC split as strike-free deals spark new protests

By Roland Rudd

The electricians' union will ballot members on leaving the TUC if other unions vote to ban no-strike deals.

Similar action will be taken if the TUC conference gives itself powers to grant individual unions the sole right to recruitment among new workforces.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, yesterday said that he would not under any circumstances turn his back on what he called his "mandate from its members" to continue signing the single union no-strike agreements.

"Our members would rightly turn on me if I turned my back on the sovereignty of our

British Coal has invited the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to help to resolve the dispute with the National Union of Mineworkers over the new code of conduct as members appeared certain to vote for industrial action.

Miners in the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, unhappy at a ballot giving a 1.7 per cent majority for a final pay offer worth £11.50 a week, are appealing to see individual branch voting figures.

union. What I will be saying to the TUC is: "If you push us on this we will be forced to ballot our members on our future membership of the TUC."

The Transport and General Workers' Union has tabled a motion at next month's TUC conference in Blackpool calling for a review body to report to the 1988 Congress on measures to prevent the use of no-strike clauses.

Mr John Edmunds, the general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union (GMBAT), will be supporting the TGMU motion.

Mr Hammond yesterday accused his detractors of "staggering hypocrisy". He said GMBAT had one-union strike-free agreements by an

other name in its white collar section MATSA.

The agreements provide for binding arbitration which can be triggered unilaterally — a formula which Mr Hammond says amounts to a no-strike deal.

The electricians have only 20,000 members working under his union's agreements. Mr Hammond would like to see more but says he cannot find enough "enlightened British managers" who are willing to agree to the far-reaching proposals, which include the right to training and consultation in the running of the company.

Mr Hammond is warning his fellow trade unionists that without such deals British management will continue to fail to take into account "the ideas, views, aspirations and fears of its workforce. All too often the first a worker knows there is a problem in his factory is when he is handed his redundancy notice."

The freedom to recruit new workers at green field sites is the other issue which may lead to a split with the TUC.

The EETPU has often signed agreements with Japanese companies in Wales before the workforce has been hired.

Now Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, has outlined plans to end inter-union competition through the introduction of designated union organizing areas.

The EETPU fears such a move will lead to the TUC "playing one competitor against the other".

● The TUC conference will be asked to sanction industrial action against the Government's Job Training Scheme. Nalco, the National and Local Government Officers' Association, is urging the TUC to resist "attacks on the Manpower Services Commission and its employment and training programme".

The scheme is intended to give work experience to 110,000 people in the 18 to 25-year-old age group who have been unemployed for more than six months.



Author wins plea to ban his play

By Kerry Gill

Mr Alastair Gray, the Scottish author, yesterday won his legal battle to stop a version of his play, *The Fall of Kelvin Walker*, being performed by Theatre Act, a London theatre company.

He was granted an interdict at Edinburgh Sheriff Court against Theatre Act and its artistic director, Mr John Davies, putting on the heavily rewritten play.

Mr Gray went to see his play which had been running on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Appalled, after just 3½ minutes he stormed out.

"I had seen and heard nothing I had written", he said after yesterday's court hearing. "I asked for this production to be withdrawn. Mr Davies refused, so I asked the law to stop it."

Theatre Act must pay the legal expenses expected to be about £3,000.

Yesterday's action resembled a typical Edinburgh Fringe act. At first those involved gathered in the Victoria Street annex of the Sheriff Court but soon found there was no one there.

Across the Royal Mile Mr Gray, Mr Davies, lawyers and your correspondent, hotly pursued by a television crew,

Long-term jobless lowest for three years

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

A record fall of 110,000 in the number of long-term unemployed was announced by the Government yesterday.

Figures published quarterly by the Department of Employment showed a July total of 1,238,000 people out of work for 12 months or more, compared with 1,347,860 in July last year.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said they indicated that long-term unemployment was at its lowest level for three years.

The annual fall was the biggest since the current series of figures began in 1982.

But Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said the reduction was the result of ministers massaging the figures.

"The Government's claim that long-term unemployment is now reducing 50 per cent faster than unemployment in general frankly defies belief."

"What it does demonstrate is that the Restart Programme is now removing the long-term unemployed in droves from the registers, but only a tiny number of them are actually getting jobs."

Ministers are particularly heartened because the decline was registered across Britain.

Northern Ireland showed a small rise — of 4.65 per cent. Wales had a 15.34 per cent drop, the North 11.13 per cent, and the West Midlands 10.93 per cent.

Scotland registered a decrease — for the first time since 1979 — of 2.65 per cent.

Mr Fowler said it was particularly pleasing that half the fall in the long-term unemployed was among those aged under 25.

But Mr Meacher cited a survey carried out on Merseyside which, he said, found that for every 10 people lost to the jobs register, only one person actually found work.

"What should really be worrying the nation is what is happening to the new class of disappeared persons the Government is creating", the Labour spokesman added.

The figures were 57,000 down on the previous quarter's statistics, released in April.

'Evil' witches' chair on the move again

By Ruth Gledhill

When Mrs Jane Sumner was offered a rare Scottish chair for £1,800 she snapped it up.

It was an unusually well-preserved oak wainscot chair, dated 1684 and reputed to have been used as a seat in which Scottish witches were tried and condemned. Mrs Sumner, an antiques dealer, decided to keep it for herself on the landing of her cottage in Wiltshire.

But, she says, the chair refused to stay where it was put. "On the first night it walked halfway across the floor. The whole place suddenly seemed full of fear and foreboding. It was terrifying."

"On my way into the house I could feel evil coming down the stairs. The arms seemed to reach forward and grasp me."

She moved the chair downstairs, and came home late at night to find a jackdaw sitting on top of it. "That was the last straw. I knew it had to go."

She moved the chair to her antiques shop in Saffron Walden, near Cambridge. Overnight, she says, the shop became filled with spiders and one "the size of a mouse" was found huddled at the base of the chair.

Mrs Sumner, who says she is not normally superstitious, has put the chair up for sale at the London Antiques Dealers' Fair next week. "I cannot wait to get rid of it, but I am almost afraid for the person who buys it", she said.

Study gives gloomy news on future Aids totals

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Children infected with the AIDS virus go on to develop the disease more quickly than older people, two professors, one in London and one in America, have discovered.

The conclusion comes from a study of infants contaminated with HIV, human immunodeficiency virus, from blood transfusions.

The study also gives a more gloomy estimate on which to calculate the future total of people suffering from AIDS.

The research shows that the average time between infection and appearance of the

disease is 1.97 years for children under five years old, compared with 5.5 years for men and 8.23 years for women.

Details of the investigation by Professor Roy Anderson, of Imperial College, London, and Professor L. Billard, of the University of Georgia in America, are published in today's issue of the scientific journal *Nature*.

More accurate figures for the incubation period of the virus help in trying to estimate the number of future cases.

But the scientists recommend caution against using the incubation estimates for blood transmission as a pre-

cise measure for all sources of the infection.

Nevertheless, the increase in the incubation period shown by the research gives a more pessimistic estimate on which to calculate the proportion of infected individuals likely to develop the disease and, hence, the total of future cases.

The journal also contains results of tests in chimpanzees with a potential AIDS vaccine.

The compound is very similar to a preparation from another research team in America for which the American drug safety agency gave approval this week for limited

trials in people if a group of 70 volunteers could be found.

The report published today from a team of 10 scientists working with Dr George Todaro, of the organization, Oncogen, in Seattle, describes results of animals tests. They were inoculated with a vaccine synthesized in the laboratory, but which contains a protein that is identical to one of the molecules forming the coat of HIV.

In chimpanzees, the vaccine stimulates the defence system to produce protective antibodies, but it does not prevent the virus establishing itself in white blood cells.

'Ripple power' breakthrough

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

West is warned of Russia's silent submarine

"It is wilful self-deception to ignore the probability that there is today at sea a submarine of tremendous power, of considerable silence and propelled not by a propeller but by a skate-like ripple of water."

He says that such an advance would have an impact on the whole complex world of anti-submarine warfare (ASW). "The quieter the submarine the less is her chance of being detected by passive means and the truly silent submarine, if that could be achieved, would be completely safe from acoustic detection."

Captain John Moore, editor of the latest edition of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, published yesterday, says in his foreword:

Nato would have to find other means to deal with the new threat, which would require "large sums of research and development money".

New non-acoustic methods of pin-pointing Soviet submarines, being researched in the United States, involved satellites to detect "thermal scars", the minute changes in temperature generated by a passing submarine, or disturbance of internal waves. But the Soviet Union had "an armlock on the rest of the world in this department of science" because their "birds (satellites) fly with consistency and certainty".

In the event of hostilities, "both sides would be crucially dependent on the capability of their ASW forces and, in 1987, any complacency on the part of the western authorities could be as disastrous as was the British attitude 50 years ago".

Yesterday Captain Moore said he believed that a number of Russian submarines, including the Victor 111, Sierra and Akula classes, were fitted with the new propulsion system and were also equipped with a much smaller engine based on superconductivity. Although the potential of the

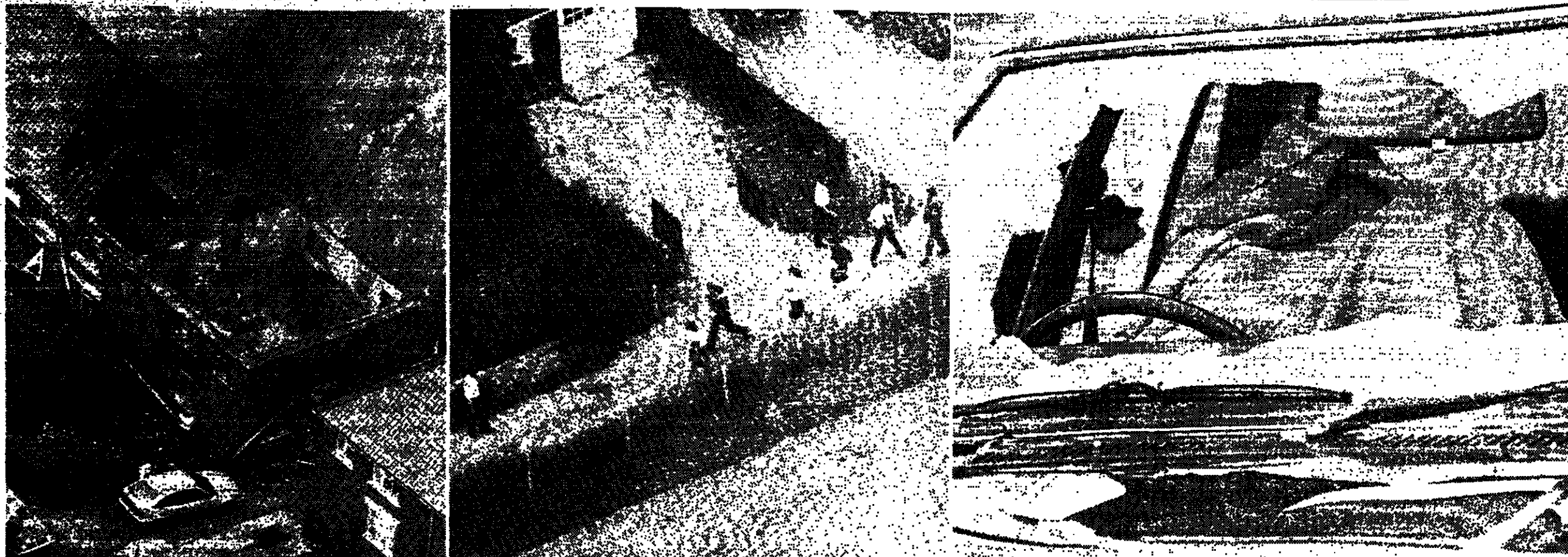
new quieter system, known as magnetohydrodynamic thrust, had been known for 25 years, the West had not developed a similar system.

Modern Soviet submarines are already well advanced because they are built with double hulls made of titanium alloys and separated, in some cases, by about 10ft of water to absorb noise levels. Captain Moore said that in contrast, because of "conformism, conservatism and complacency", the US Navy would not have a radically new design of submarine at sea until the USS Seawolf in 1994.

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The aftermath: victims of the market day massacre



The houses the gunman set fire to, including his own; children being led to safety by police near the scene of the killings; and one of the victims, slumped in the car where he was shot.

Soldier tells of 'bodies littering the street' 14 die as gunman runs amok in market town

A soldier described last night the "carriage" of bodies littering a street when gunman Michael Ryan went berserk.

Mr Carl Harris, his hands still covered in blood from his frantic attempts to save those who had been shot, said he was in a street near the school when he heard firing.

As he ran forward he found a man shot through the neck in a Sierra car.

Mr Harris, aged 28, whose parents live in Hungerford, said: "I tried chest compression but it was no good. His wife was hysterical."

He said he also found a woman shot dead in a Renault car and then people rushed from their houses to say that others had been shot through windows or on doorsteps.

Mr Harris, a private in the Royal Engineers, said: "The gunman went into one house where there were two old people and he blew them apart."

"Another man opened his door and he was shot in the

leg. I walked back up the road and all the way was carnage."

He said he tried to help a girl aged 14 and a middle-aged man who had rushed from their houses.

Mr Harris said he believed he caught a glimpse of the gunman from about 100 yards after running up a street following the sound of shots.

He said: "He had some kind of headband on and what looked like an American-style military jacket."

Mr Harris broke down in tears when his father, who had searched the village looking for his son, saw him being interviewed and the two embraced in Hungerford High Street.

A pensioner, Miss Doris Neen, who lives next door to Michael Ryan and his mother Dorothy, said: "He is very quiet. He doesn't have many friends but he loves guns and was a member of a gun club."

"But he kept himself to himself and stayed at home with his mum."

She said that Mr Ryan was in his early thirties and the only time she saw him was when he was walking his two dogs, a Labrador and a mongrel.

Miss Neen lives at No 2 South View. The Ryans live in a council house at number four.

Miss Neen said: "He is not the type of person who would do this sort of thing. He was a loner but he never did anything to harm anybody. His father died about two years ago and he lived alone with his mother. She is very well liked by everybody."

"I just cannot understand what has happened. I find it hard to believe."

"All I knew is that he had a collection of guns and that he used to go to Bisley to shoot them."

Ryan was a late child and his father, Alfred, retired in 1974 as a building inspector with the Hungerford Rural District Council.

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27, were shot. Mr Clements's sister and his two daughters fled shouting: "He shot my dad."

The gunman then appeared at his home in South View, where he lived with his widowed mother, and was seen gathering ammunition and weapons from a garden shed.

A fire started in the house, where the body of an elderly woman, believed to be Ryan's mother, was later found. Berkshire fire brigade said last night that four adjoining terraced houses had been "severely damaged".

A fire engine was fired on as it tried to reach the blaze and police called firemen back out of range.

The gunman is thought to have then shot at neighbours

killing a man aged 84 and wounding his wife.

A witness, Mr Carl Harris, aged 21, a soldier on leave, said: "I was going to my local garage when I heard screams coming down Priory Road. I raced up there and saw a woman in a red Renault car with gunshot wounds." She died in his arms.

Mr Chris Bowsher, another witness, said that he went to take cover in an old people's home called Fairfield with an old man who lived next door to the gunman.

He said that he saw him "come down South View brandishing a large machine-gun in his right hand, with a huge bullet cartridge. In his left hand was a pump action shotgun."

Mr Bowsher watched the gunman walk alongside

Hungerford Primary School and there were more shots. The man had fired at a van from the Norland nursing home and shot the driver through the throat. Three passengers were badly injured as the van crashed into a hedge on Priory Avenue.

Mr Bowsher said that he went to the aid of the shot driver as the gunman disappeared down the road. "He was in a dreadful state with most of his face and throat shot away. The other passengers were also covered with blood," he said.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Swindon and Newbury.

Another passenger, covered with blood, was taken to the grocer's shop of Mrs Terry Fox and her husband, Roy.

Mr and Mrs Fox called to

passers-by to run into their shop, and a total of about 15, plus two members of staff, stayed there as the shootings continued.

Mr Alan Lapetit, the local coalman, arrived after having been hit in the upper arm as he returned home to South View for lunch.

Mr Bowsher said that he then joined the group, and was told that Mr Marcus Barnett, a local taxi-man, had been killed.

Two members of the first emergency service crew on the scene, Mrs Hazel Haslett, aged 30, and Mrs Linda Bright, aged 38, said that they were fired on as they arrived.

As they approached the scene the gunman fired straight at them from 20 yards away. The bullet hit the windscreen directly in front of

Mrs Haslett but was deflected. She was cut in the shoulder by flying glass. "I was absolutely petrified," she said.

"As we turned into South View I saw the man 20 yards away raise his rifle and fire. I screamed to Linda: 'Get out of here', and we backed away." She said that she gave a quick radio message 'Under fire! Under fire!' as they drove away.

The two women managed to retrieve three men and a woman, all of whom had been shot in neighbouring Fairview Road.

Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon, the nearest hospital with an accident and emergency department, called in extra nurses, doctors and support staff to treat the first 14 casualties.

Mass murder

Grim toll of multiple killers

By Ruth Gledhill

The Hungerford massacre, Britain's worst shooting incident, is the latest in a series of world-wide massacres perpetrated by apparently ordinary people who suddenly go mad with guns, axes or their bare hands.

Only last week, six people died and another 18 were wounded in Melbourne, Australia when a failed army officer cadet stalked behind shrubs and bushes with two rifles and a shotgun, picking off passers-by.

Some of the worst incidents have happened in America. In April a man with a high-powered rifle killed six people and injured 30 others in two shopping centres in Palm Bay, Florida. He had had a quarrel with noisy teenagers.

In December last year, in Bogota in Colombia, a former

Vietnam paratrooper shot 28 people and in Oklahoma a year ago, Pat Sherrill, a Vietnam veteran, about to lose his job as a postman, opened fire on and killed 15 workmates.

One of the worst cases took place on July 18, 1984, in San Ysidro, California, when a dismissed security guard, James Huberty, shot and killed 21 people at a McDonald's restaurant.

On August 1, 1966, Charles Whitman killed 14 people with a sniper's rifle from the bell tower in Texas.

On July 13 this year, Daniel Lynam shot dead seven members of his family and then himself in Washington State.

In May this year, a man opened fire in a crowded pub in Hull, injuring two customers, and then turned the gun on himself.

In September 1984, Jeremy

Bamber slaughtered five members of his family with a .22 rifle in Britain's worst mass shooting until yesterday.

In April 1986, Colin Gill, a former Cornish detective, shot dead his wife and four sons before killing himself, after discovering his wife was having an affair. In October 1978, bachelor Barry Williams shot a building contractor, his wife and son before shooting a couple at a service station at Neutonian.

Since 1980, 15 police officers have been killed while on duty.

The league table of British mass killers is headed by Mary Ann Cotton, hanged in 1873. In 20 years she poisoned 19 people.

Dennis Nilsen, the biggest mass murderer this century, strangled and drowned 16 men in north London.

Portfolio - Gold - Treat in store for children

Five grandchildren will soon receive an unexpected present, after their grandmother was one of four winners to share the £4,000 Portfolio Gold competition yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Hume, of Kings Road, Hunsington, Norfolk, said: "I think I will give the grandchildren a treat."

The other three winners were Dr Sylvia De La Paz, of Brook Green, Hammersmith, west London, Mr Stuart Webster, of Barclay Road, Fulham, south-west London, and Mr P Norris, of Wigan, Lancashire.

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Illegal arms 'far exceed licences'

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

The number of illegal weapons is far higher than the 160,000 firearms certificates and 840,000 shotgun licences held currently in Britain, a gun specialist said yesterday.

Mr Colin Greenwood, a former police firearms officer and editor of *Gun Review*, said that the extent of illegal arms possession was indicated by the thousands of weapons confiscated each year.

There are about 2,000 gun dealers in Britain, where a new pistol can be bought from £250 and a rifle from about

£350. The FN SLR, used by the British Army and thought to be among the gunman's arsenal, sells second-hand for about £300 to £400.

Handguns and rifles can be held legally with a certificate, but automatic weapons such as machine guns cannot be kept by individuals without special approval from the Home Secretary.

Applicants for a firearms certificate must provide what is termed under law as a "good reason" for wanting to have a gun. The most common rea-

son is membership of an approved gun club.

There are 8,000 to 9,000 licensed gun clubs in England and Wales, which, Gun clubs insist on a three or six month probation period before accepting anyone for full membership. Gun dealers must record the full details of any weapons on the certificate and forward the information to the police.

Shotgun licences are issued to "persons of good character and temperate habits", with no criminal convictions.



One of the police marshmen moves into position

Hospitals 'failing' the elderly

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Hospital care for elderly people lacks "humanity" and can result in unnecessary disability and prolonged stays in institutions, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

The college claims in a report that while hospitals offer high standards of technical treatment they often fail to provide the therapeutic care essential to enable people to return successfully to the community.

The report, produced jointly with the British Geriatrics Society and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, lays down guidelines for higher standards of care for the elderly, who now occupy more than half of all hospital beds.

It says that restoring and retaining such vital functions as mobility, personal care and continence are easily ignored.

"Mistaken assumptions about the low worth of old people and their therapeutic potential persist despite dramatic evidence to the contrary", the report says.

Where hospitals failed to treat old people properly, the failure is rarely the result of deliberate neglect, it says. "Almost always what is lacking is an awareness of the true needs of the elderly patient." Elderly patients are now in the majority in almost every hospital ward.

The patients might be older, more frail and more dependent but they had a right to parity of care with other hospital patients. Improving care of elderly people in hospital (Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1 125).

Asthma toll rises Wrong diagnoses blamed

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

More than 2,000 people a year are dying from asthma and the toll is increasing among Britain's two million sufferers, according to researchers.

Many of the deaths are the result of doctors failing to diagnose correctly the condition and prescribing the wrong drugs, the Asthma Research Council said yesterday.

"There is an urgent need to improve family doctors' understanding of this disease and to provide better treatment to their patients", Mr Hugh Faulkner, director of the council, said.

NHS 'not doing enough for ethnic minorities'

The National Health Service is failing to cater for the needs of black and ethnic minorities, according to the National Association of Health Authorities (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Services are often inappropriate and sometimes offensive, particularly where they fail to take account of religious beliefs, the association's project officer, Miss Shushila Patel, said. "Many women find it offensive to be told to undress by doctors or nurses and they would generally prefer to see a female GP."

In cases where relatives or children died, hospitals often ignored the wishes of the family to administer ritual practices such as body-cleansing and praying.

The association has set up a working party to examine existing provision for minority groups in the NHS. Sponsored by the Department of Health, it will collect instances of good practice, where they exist, and

"The death toll could be reduced but it is increasing despite effective treatments which have been developed in the last 60 years. It presents a formidable challenge."

Asthma is the most common disease among children, he said. "But we are concerned that many general practitioners do not give enough time and care to ensure the correct diagnosis, especially in children."

"Many adults are prescribed antibiotics for their wheeziness when they actually have asthma. They are often

not provided with a clear, understandable and informed programme of protective and preventive treatment."

More than five million working days each year are lost because of asthma, according to the council. Children might be singled out at school as "different" because of their condition, and denied opportunities in education and sport.

Many thousands of adults and children suffered constant distress, their lives dominated by breathlessness and their social activities restricted, Mr Faulkner said.

The council is providing £800,000 for research this year and plans to spend £1 million next year.

Specialists are investigating the causes and mechanisms of asthma and looking at hereditary, environmental and occupational factors.

"This is a complex and fickle disease and the best brains of devoted scientists and doctors must be used to conquer it", Mr Faulkner said.

Dr Donald Lane, chairman of the Asthma Research Council, said: "We are searching for the best ways of maintaining doctors' interest and skills in the treatment of asthma."

"They and nurses and physiotherapists have immediate contact with the clinical problems."

The council's president, Lord Hailsham of St Mariville, says in the council's latest annual report: "Great progress has been made over the years but in spite of that, asthma is increasing and deaths are increasing also."

BBC game show for Edmonds

By Lynda Mordin, Arts Correspondent

The £60 million worth of chequered fare announced yesterday for BBC's autumn season includes two notable returns.

The controversial legal programme, *Rough Justice*, will be back next month after an absence of two years and will continue to re-examine cases where doubts have been raised on verdicts.

BBC1 will also tread into another thorny legal situation with a programme on the Peter Wright *Spycatcher* affair, scheduled for September 14.

The other notable return will be made by Noel Edmonds, who appears in a new game show entitled, *Whatever Next... Edmonds*.

In total Mr Michael Grade, director of programmes, announced 400 hours of BBC originated material, including 80 hours of new drama. He disclosed a selection of light entertainment featuring a crowd of comic luminaries.

"The more discerning audience", Mr Grade said, "was in for a treat with *The Fortunes of War*, Alan Plater's seven-part dramatization of Olivia Manning's Balkan and Levant trilogies."

There will also be the BBC's most ambitious production ever - *Vanity Fair* - which becomes a Sunday classic serial.

Music and arts featured a long way down Mr Grade's list, nevertheless, they include the twentieth anniversary of *Omibus*.

The arts programme will present rare interviews with Bob Dylan and the playwright, Arthur Miller.

Mafia man jailed for seven years

The "Mafia figure" found guilty of organizing a drug smuggling operation that used a baby as a decoy was jailed yesterday for seven years.

Four other members of the gang that attempted to bring cannabis worth £110,000 into Britain in a car converted for the purpose were also jailed at Exeter Crown Court.

Judge Bracewell told Salvatore Di Prima, who is believed to be a Mafia leader, that she was completely satisfied he had organized what was a "planned international drugs run".

Di Prima, aged 30, of Russell Road, Woking, was convicted on Tuesday of smuggling 43.8 kgs of cannabis from Spain to Plymouth.

Two of the defendants, Robert Patrick and Sharon Walters, had borrowed a baby to make them seem like an innocent couple returning from a motoring holiday when they were, in fact, attempting to bring the drugs through customs. "It was a sophisticated operation", the judge said.

Mr Paul Dunn, a customs officer, said that Gerard Allen, one of the defendants, could find himself at risk because he gave evidence for the prosecution.

Allen, aged 24, of Farney Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, was jailed for two-and-a-half years. Judge Bracewell said she had reduced Allen's sentence because he had testified against Di Prima.

Walters, aged 22, of Romany Road, West Norwood, south London, was jailed for three years in spite of being five months pregnant, and Patrick, aged 30, of the same address, for a total of six years, two of which were for other offences.

Clifford Jones, aged 21, of Glanville Road, Brixton, south London, was jailed for 18 months.

The judge ruled that Di Prima should not serve his sentence in the same jail as any of the other four.

Family plane crash victims named

The Foreign Office yesterday confirmed the names of the members of the holiday party killed when their Cessna light aircraft crashed into a mountain near the village of Aix-la-Beuvray, Autun, north-west France, on Tuesday.

They were Mr James Curran, who was piloting the aircraft, his wife, Doreen, their daughter, Clare, aged 17, all of Skipton, Lancashire, and a family friend, Claire Featherstone, aged 20, of Preston, Lancashire.

Three other family members in the party survived the

crash, although all have severe injuries.

Peter Curran, aged 16, suffered severe brain damage in the accident. He was expecting to get the results of his O levels on his return from the holiday.

His sister, Bridget, aged 22, also sustained brain damage. Paul Curran, aged 20, has injuries to his back and shoulder, but is not in a critical condition.

Another son, John, aged 21, who works in Germany, was not on the flight and was yesterday making his way to France to rendezvous with Mr

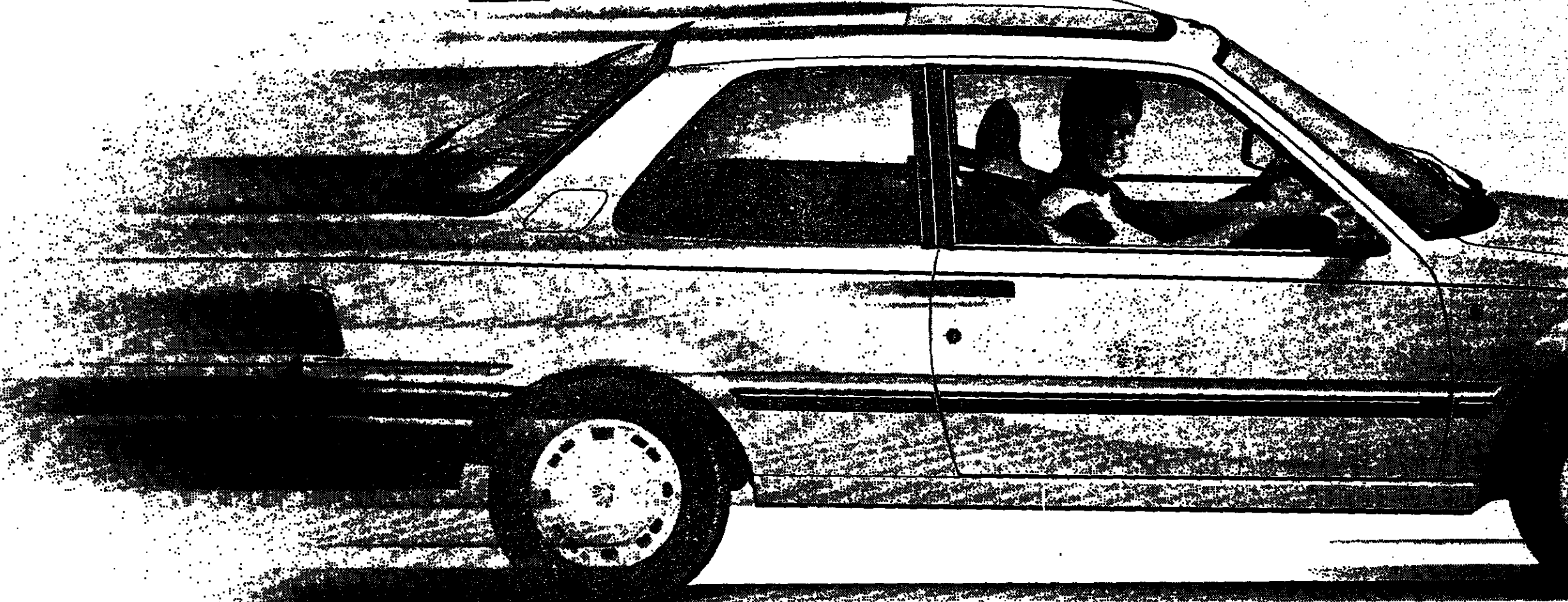
John Moody, the family's solicitor.

Mr Curran, owner of a successful Skipton paper manufacturing company, Craven Convertors, was a member of Yorkshire Flying Services, a private aero club based at Leeds-Bradford airport.

A spokesman for the club, said yesterday: "He was a competent private pilot who flew regularly."

Mr Curran and his family were apparently heading home to celebrate his fiftieth birthday when the accident happened.

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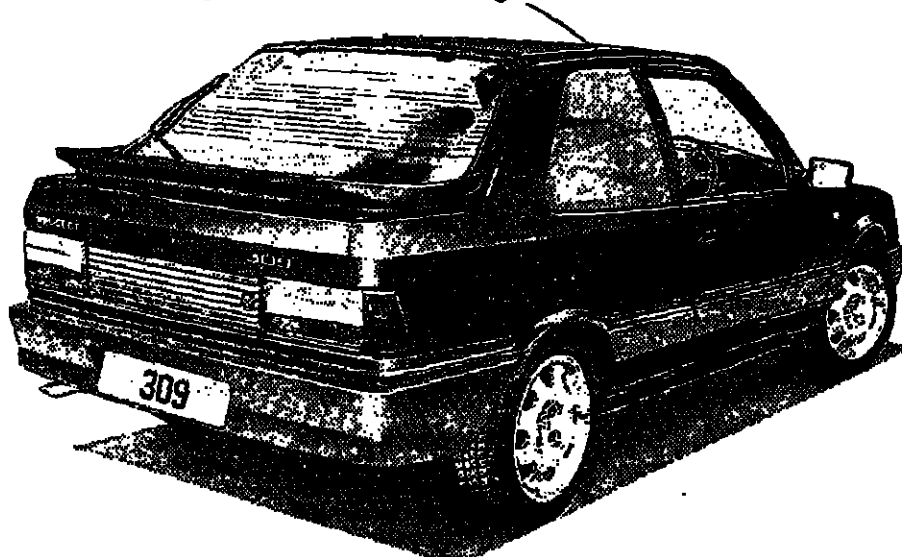
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Accountants head salary league in the business world

By John Spicer

Accountants are the best paid people in industry and commerce and very few are dissatisfied with their jobs, according to a report published today.

Last year accountants received average pay rises of 7.6 per cent and this year's rise is expected to be about the same.

The report, by Reward Regional Surveys, says that in spite of "all the press type" on accountants' salaries, they are only marginally ahead of other professions.

The report compares accountants' salaries with 170 management jobs surveyed earlier. It shows that senior management accountants earn on average £20,500 a year while the average for equivalent non-accountancy workers is £19,380.

The survey covers accountants whether qualified, part-qualified or unqualified and finds that they appear to be happy with their lot. Not one of the people surveyed recorded a bad mark when asked about job satisfaction; nearly 25 per cent said "excellent"; 51 per cent said "good"; and only 4 per cent said "poor". Those most happy with their positions

were company financial directors.

Questions on whether accountants thought they were adequately paid showed less enthusiastic responses. But 75 per cent reckoned they were paid equal to, or above, the market level and only 1 per cent said their pay was well below the market rate.

The survey reports that industry uses a lot of part-qualified accountants and pays them, after adequate experience, at very similar levels to their qualified colleagues. "In other words," the report says, "the pay is for the job, and equal performance receives equal pay, regardless of qualifications".

Among all ranks, from directors to senior clerks, at least 20 per cent receive a bonus worth at least 4 per cent of salary. Both figures were higher for senior grades with, for instance, 29 per cent of financial controllers receiving a bonus worth 8 per cent of salary (or between £1,500 and £2,000). This moves up to 15 per cent of salary for those in the most successful and generous companies.

The survey gives details of pay levels county by county.

Accountants in London and the Home Counties receive the highest salaries, while the poorest paid are in Devon and Cornwall, Manchester, and Tyne and Wear.

Public administration and the financial service industries are the best payers, while the survey shows that accountants in clothing and footwear, the metal industries and textiles get the least reward.

Cars appear high among the job perks enjoyed by accountants. The survey lists makes and types of vehicles which companies provide for their accountancy staff. Fords head the list by a long way with Granadas and Sierras favourite models. Vauxhall Cavaliers are the third most popular. Most companies change their staff vehicles every three years.

The number of hours accountants work per week depends on seniority. The lowest grades work the least hours, but the survey discovered that at the highest level (company directors) 27 per cent work 41 to 45 hours a week; 24 per cent work 46 to 50 hours; 20 per cent work 51 to 60 hours; and 5 per cent work 61 to 70 hours. By far the highest percentage of all grades retire at the age of 65.

Financial and Accounting Rewards 1987 (Reward Regional Surveys Ltd, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8BA; £80).

Basic median pay by industry

	Financial Director	Company Financial Controller	Company Secretary	Accountant
Business services	35,000	25,407	19,844	21,830
Chemicals, fibres	29,440	20,550	19,322	19,254
Distribution & repairs	27,160	23,300	22,538	20,000
Electrical engineering	25,500	20,548	17,984	17,750
Electronic engineering	22,000	21,000	-	18,800
Financial services	25,117	30,000	32,288	-
Food/drink/tobacco	33,000	22,570	22,000	20,035
Mechanical engineering	24,000	18,550	17,500	15,412
Paper/printing/publishing	30,000	23,000	21,000	19,000
Other manufacturing	25,500	20,972	18,250	17,089
Transport/communications	24,438	19,540	18,164	16,627

Source: Reward Regional Surveys.

Accountants' hours per week

	1-39	40	41-45	46-50	51-60	61-70
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Directors	13	11	27	24	20	5
Senior managers	11	10	43	25	9	1
Dept managers	16	22	43	12	6	1
Jnr-middle	13	31	25	6	4	-
Junior managers	43	19	22	12	4	-
Supervisors	85	22	8	4	1	-
Senior clerical	85	10	2	-	-	-
Skilled	82	27	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	67	33	-	-	-	-

Source: Reward Regional Surveys.

BR managers face pay bargaining decision

About 800 senior British Rail managers must decide this month whether they want to accept a new executive grade pay deal or stay with union-negotiated salaries.

British Rail wants to end pay bargaining for the managers to bring all senior staff into a salary scale related to individual efficiency.

It would enable British Rail to compete in the open market for such skilled people as accountants and research and development experts.

The new deal would enable British Rail to amalgamate its senior management and senior executive groups, with seven grades covering them all. Promotion for "high flyers" would then be more rapid.

Letters have gone to all 800 senior managers, including

accountants, engineers, operations executives and directors, as well as the most senior station managers, setting out the new terms of employment. British Rail hopes to have all replies by September 1.

The managers voted in 1981 for union representation and many are members of the Transport Salaries Staffs Association and the British Transport Officers' Guild.

British Rail denies that it is trying to get rid of union pay bargaining, saying the managers are being given the option. But a spokesman said the new deal was "extremely attractive" and opened up opportunities for senior people who wanted to get on. Unions believe the initial deal might be attractive but future salary reviews will not be so good.

Hot rocks scheme blamed for quakes

By Robert Matthews

The Department of Energy is to launch an inquiry into claims that its geothermal energy experiment in Cornwall is causing earthquakes.

Families have reported shock waves within a 20-mile radius of the experimental site at St Ithians since the £20 million project began in 1978.

The latest earthquake struck last month and woke residents at 4am, with the walls of homes in Penryn and Constantine being shaken. It registered 1.9 on the Richter scale.

The Department of Energy's project involves forcing water down a borehole more than a mile deep, where it is heated by naturally hot granite. The thermal energy in the recovered water is enough to heat several hundred homes.

Geothermal energy is seen as a potential source of cheap and benign energy for towns built over suitable "hot rock" regions.

However, there have been

reports of earthquakes being caused by similar geothermal experiments in other countries.

A spokesman at the Cornish quarry where the drilling takes place said: "We had anticipated that the hot rocks experiment would cause many earthquakes".

He says the Department of Energy wants a full report before the project is enlarged significantly, putting in doubt the long-term future of geothermal energy.

According to Dr Chris Brown, head of seismic research at the British Geological Survey, "the project has probably caused more than 11,000 very small earthquakes but these would have been so small that no one on the surface would have noticed".

The Department of Energy had plans to extend the boreholes down to 18,000ft, where the water would be heated by the rocks to superheated steam capable of driving electric generators.

Part-time assistant is best secretary

By Ruth Gledhill

A woman who earns about £3,000 a year as a lower grade clerical assistant has won Britain's top secretary award.

Mrs Susan Dyson, who is 30 and a part-time clerical assistant at Scarborough Technical College, outscored 12,500 other candidates and achieved the highest marks in the 30-year history of the top secretary's diploma, awarded by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

She deliberately chose a job that will "make me happy" and give her time to pursue her outside interests.

These include setting up a translation business. She is a member of the high IQ society, Mass, sings contralto in church and opera, writes poetry and looks after six cats. Two ambitions are to sing at the Royal Opera House or with the Glenn Miller band.

At school on Merseyside, where she was head girl, she achieved four top grade A levels. A nursing career was cut short by a back injury which led her to Liverpool University and a degree in French and English.

She and her husband, a nurse, live in East Ayrton, North Yorkshire, where he plays the church organ.

The only time she lost her composure at the award ceremony in London yesterday was when she was asked if she was planning a family. "That is an extremely unfair and sexist question", she said.



Mrs Susan Dyson on a sightseeing tour after the awards presentation in London (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Hedgerows still vanish despite end of grants

By Andrew Morgan

The Countryside Commission will this week receive tenders for a project to discover why 21,000 miles of hedgerows have vanished in England and Wales.

The loss was estimated after the commission took aerial photographs of 140 sample areas in 1983 and compared them with Forestry Commission photographs from 1980.

Mr Bob Roberts, from the conservation branch of the Countryside Commission, said: "The loss seems to be increasing, despite the end of grants paid to farmers to rip up hedges and expand fields. Other grants are now paid to farmers to plant hedgerows and it's possible that the same man could be planting and ripping up at the same time."

He believes the countryside's basic pattern, often created in medieval times, is being irrevocably changed.

In addition to the aesthetic loss, the Nature Conservancy Council is concerned at the ecological damage. Ripping down a hedge leads to a loss of habitat for birds, flowers, insects and rodents.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds considers that the grey partridge, which nests at the hedgerow bottom, is under great threat from the loss of habitat and farmers ploughing the nutritious strip at a field's edge.

The curl bunting, yellow-hammer, whitethroat and greenfinch are also affected.

Minister defends two-lane motorway

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday defended plans to build part of a new motorway link between Oxford and Birmingham with only two lanes in each direction.

He said: "We need to keep the right balance. We don't want to cover the whole countryside with concrete and Tarmacadam."

He said the £4 million extra it would cost to build three lanes would pay for three or four bypasses around historic towns or villages.

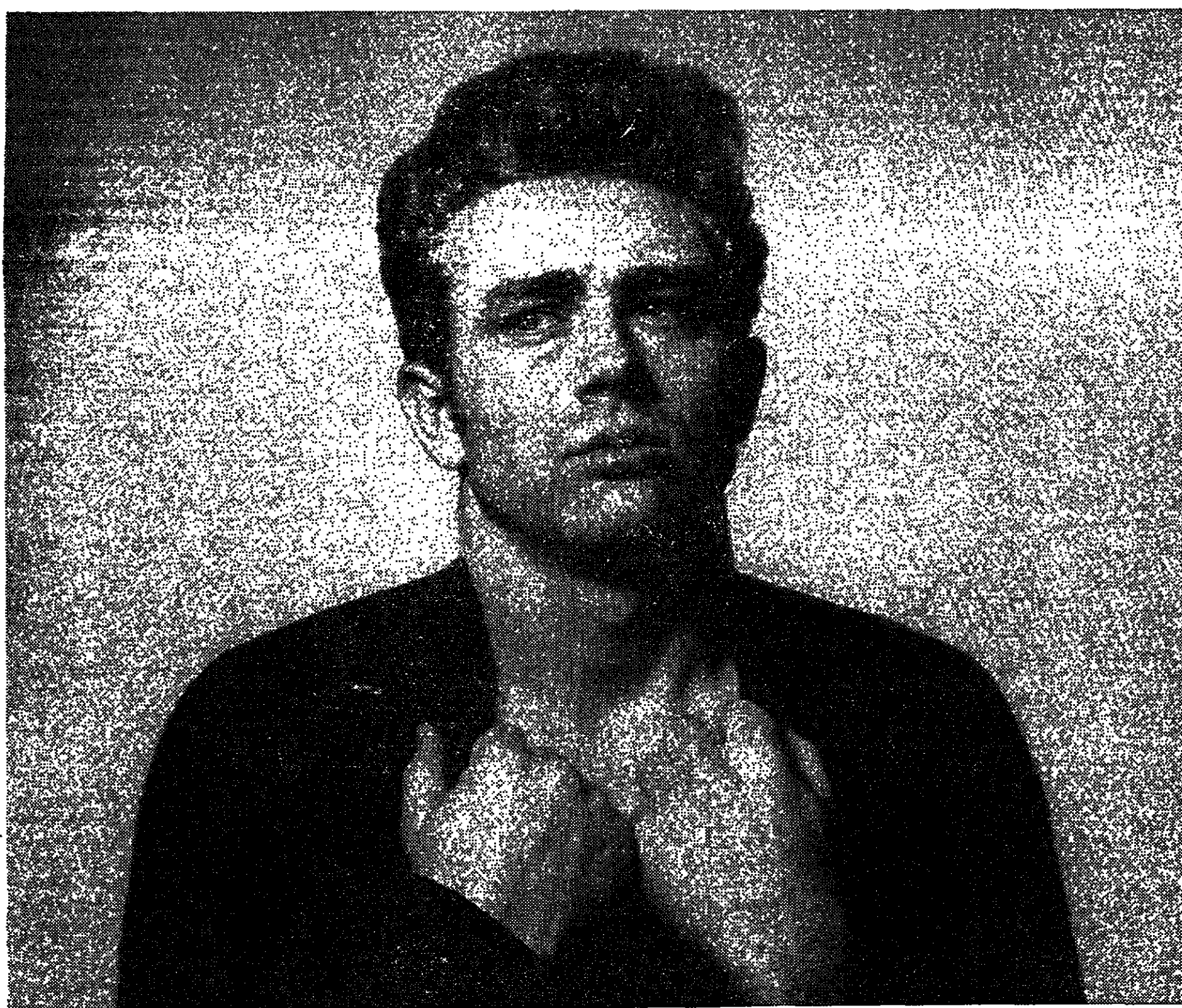
Speaking on the BBC radio programme, *The World at One*, Mr Bottomley admitted he "wouldn't be surprised" if there were traffic jams on the two-lane section in 20 or 40 years' time.

The Government's motorway scheme had earlier been described by the RAC as "penny pinching and a false economy liable to create bottlenecks and death traps".

Mr Arthur Large, the RAC's chief executive, said: "It is deplorable that some new sections of motorway and other trunk roads are still being proposed with grossly inadequate capacities to cope with future growth of traffic, which is expected to increase by 40 per cent by the end of the century."

The 100-mile, £241 million motorway link will be the subject of a planning inquiry this autumn.

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Labour unrest in South Korea

Government assists back-to-work deal with new free unions

From A Correspondent, Seoul

Strikers at the giant Hyundai conglomerate are due to return to work today after the management agreed to negotiate with new independent trade unions.

The settlement, reached late on Tuesday, ended a two-day lockout at Hyundai factories in Ulsan on Korea's south-east coast. About 30,000 angry workers had staged demonstrations, smashed windows and thrown stones at police armed with tear gas.

The settlement at six subsidiaries of Korea's largest conglomerate was negotiated by Mr Han Jin Hee, the Assistant Minister of Labour, marking the first government intervention in the recent wave of strikes that have paralysed much of Korea's shipbuilding, car-making, coal and transport industries.

Although strikes continued to spread yesterday, officials were confident that the situation was under control.

In the past the Government has been quick to side with management when strikes break out, but mindful of forthcoming presidential elections, South Korea's first since 1971, the Government is taking a stronger pro-labour stand.

The Hyundai pact includes recognition of independent

labour unions, a September 1 settlement deadline, and government guarantees that Hyundai's founder, Mr Chung Ju Yung, will allow presidents of striking subsidiaries to negotiate contracts. Union representatives and management are planning to meet Mr Chung, an anti-union

Seoul (AP) - Security forces opened fire on rioting workers in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, killing 30 people and wounding 30 others, a Seoul news agency said yesterday.

Naewoo News, a South Korean Government-controlled news agency specializing in North Korean affairs, said the clash - the first such incident reported in North Korea - was on May 1, Labour Day.

entrepreneur referred to by Hyundai workers as "the Emperor".

Not all of the workers are satisfied with the agreement. There were reports yesterday that several car windows were smashed after the settlement was announced at a stadium near the Hyundai shipyard.

Workers demanded that a single union representing all striking affiliates negotiate their contract. The management rejected the union's

position as illegal. Under the new agreement, each subsidiary will negotiate as an individual unit.

Management has also been reluctant to meet leaders of unofficial unions chosen by workers as opposed to existing union representatives, seen by the workers as puppets of management.

Meanwhile, the Hyundai car plant is scheduled to resume production today. All of Korea's car makers have been idle since the weekend because of shortages of parts caused by the strikes at subsidiaries.

On the other side of the country, striking coal miners clashed with police who tried to evict them from a railway station which they had occupied while demanding wage and bonus increases.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry said strikes had cost the country more than \$1.4 billion (£875 million) in lost exports and production between July 25 and August 13. A ministry official said strikes at small suppliers were critically reducing commodities at Korea's eight merchant trading firms - including Hyundai, Samsung, Daewoo and Lucky-Goldstar - which usually account for half of South Korea's exports.

Kim Dae Jung holds back on running for presidency

Seoul - The Opposition leader, Mr Kim Dae Jung, said he would decide whether to run for President in mid-September after visiting outlying cities. (A Correspondent writes) If he did not run, Mr Kim said, he would support the candidacy of his rival, Mr Kim Young Sam.

In an exclusive interview, Mr Kim Dae Jung said he would travel to the south - to Kwangju and the port of Pusan - and to the central city of Taejeon early next month to assess his popular support. "I have not decided yet to run for President," Mr Kim said. "After meeting the people in September, I will decide."

In the past, Mr Kim has said his party should delay choosing its candidate until as late as possible to prevent the Government from focusing its attack on any one person. The presidential election is to take place in December.

If he chooses not to run, Mr Kim said, he would definitely support Mr Kim Young Sam, despite the long-running rivalry between himself and the other opposition leader. In 1971 and 1980, the two Mr Kims competed bitterly and unsuccessfully for the post of President. "He has long fought for restoration of democracy and he is very popular among the people," Mr Kim Dae Jung said of his rival. "Our cooperation, whether I run for President or not, will continue."

But many observers doubt if either of the two would yield to the other. The coming presidential elections could be the last chance for them to run. Mr Kim Dae Jung is 61 years of age and still limps from a 1971 brush with death when a car he was driving was rammed by an alleged Korean CIA agent, Mr Kim Young Sam, who is seen as the more moderate of the two, will be 60 this year. If they remain united, they stand a good chance of defeating the ruling party candidate, Mr Roh Tae Woo, observers say.

Of the current labour unrest, which has brought work to a standstill at two car factories, shipyards and coal mines, Mr Kim Dae Jung said the Government should work actively to promote independent labour unions, one of the chief demands of striking workers. "Only when the

Government has asked the puppet unions to dissolve will management comprehend," he said. "Otherwise the struggle will continue."

He added that he had few worries that the Government would use the current labour unrest as a pretext for revoking the democratic reform promised by President Chun on July 1 following widespread unrest. "I'm not totally optimistic," he said, "but the requests by workers are moderate and their attitude is sincere. So I don't see much difficulty in the conflict being resolved."

Korea's last democratic "vacancy" occurred in 1979 after the assassination of President Park. After President Park's assassination, General Chun Doo Hwan, then in charge of the Defence Security Command, seized control of the Government and imposed martial law.

"This year will see the restoration of democracy without a doubt," Mr Kim said, "because our people are so strong and mature."

But he was less optimistic about inter-party negotiation on a new constitution, scheduled to be concluded by September. The ruling Democratic Justice Party has opposed his Reunification Democratic Party's proposals for giving the vote to 19-year-olds, for a vice-presidency, and for a five-year presidential term.



Mr Kim Dae Jung: will test support in tour of cities.

Hayward challenges conviction

Stockholm (Reuters) - The British Army captain, Simon Hayward, jailed last week for five years for smuggling 110 lb of cannabis into Sweden, yesterday lodged an appeal against his conviction.

His lawyers asked the district court in Uppsala and the regional court of appeal in Stockholm to reopen the case on the ground that the reasons for conviction were incorrect.

Nuclear leak

Paris (Reuters) - A nuclear power station at Tricastin, in south-east France, leaked 10 cubic metres of water from its cooling system during a routine overhaul but caused no harm to health, according to the French Health Ministry.

Marcos files

Manila (Reuters) - Lawyers say that Swiss banks will disclose secret bank records of the former Philippines President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, without Manila having to file criminal charges.

347 freed

Rabat (Reuters) - King Hassan of Morocco has granted remissions of sentence to 347 prisoners to mark the 34th anniversary today of the departure into exile of his father, King Mohammed V.

Coup man dies

Valencia (Reuters) - A former Spanish colonel, Diego Ibañez Ingles, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for his part in the abortive military coup led by Colonel Antonio Tejero in 1981, has died at the age of 62 from a heart complaint.

Sikhs kill six at Punjab wedding

Chandigarh (Reuters) - The bridegroom and five other people were shot dead by Sikh extremists at a wedding reception in a Punjab village, police reported yesterday.

The police said that the extremists charged with the bridegroom and guests before opening fire. The bride's father and brother and three other people related to India's Sikh Home Minister, Mr Buta Singh, were also killed. Five others were wounded in a hail of machine-gun and pistol bullets, the police said. The killers escaped.

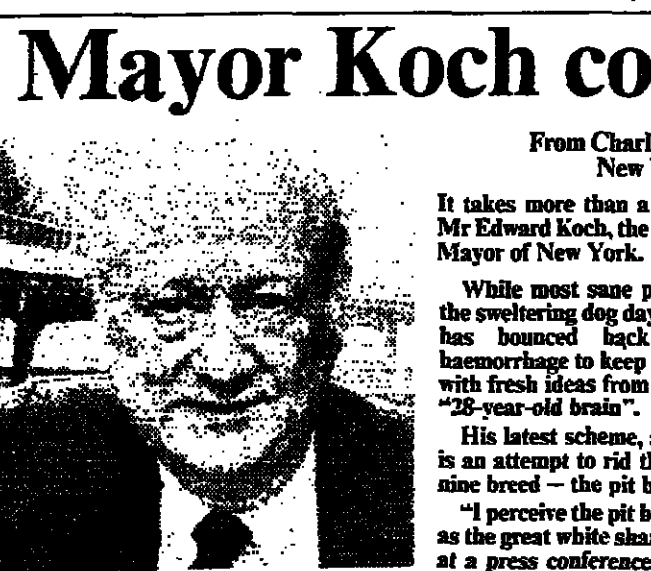
Survivors said the extremists sought out the bridegroom, a liquor-store owner named as Mr Amrik Singh, who had temporarily closed down his business a few months ago during a violent anti-alcohol campaign by fundamentalist Sikhs.

One of the intruders politely inquired why he had reopened the store, the survivors told police, but did not arouse his suspicions. Shortly afterwards the shooting began.

The killings occurred at Mustapur, a village near Jullundur, one of the hot spots of the Sikh separatist struggle in which more than 850 people have died this year.

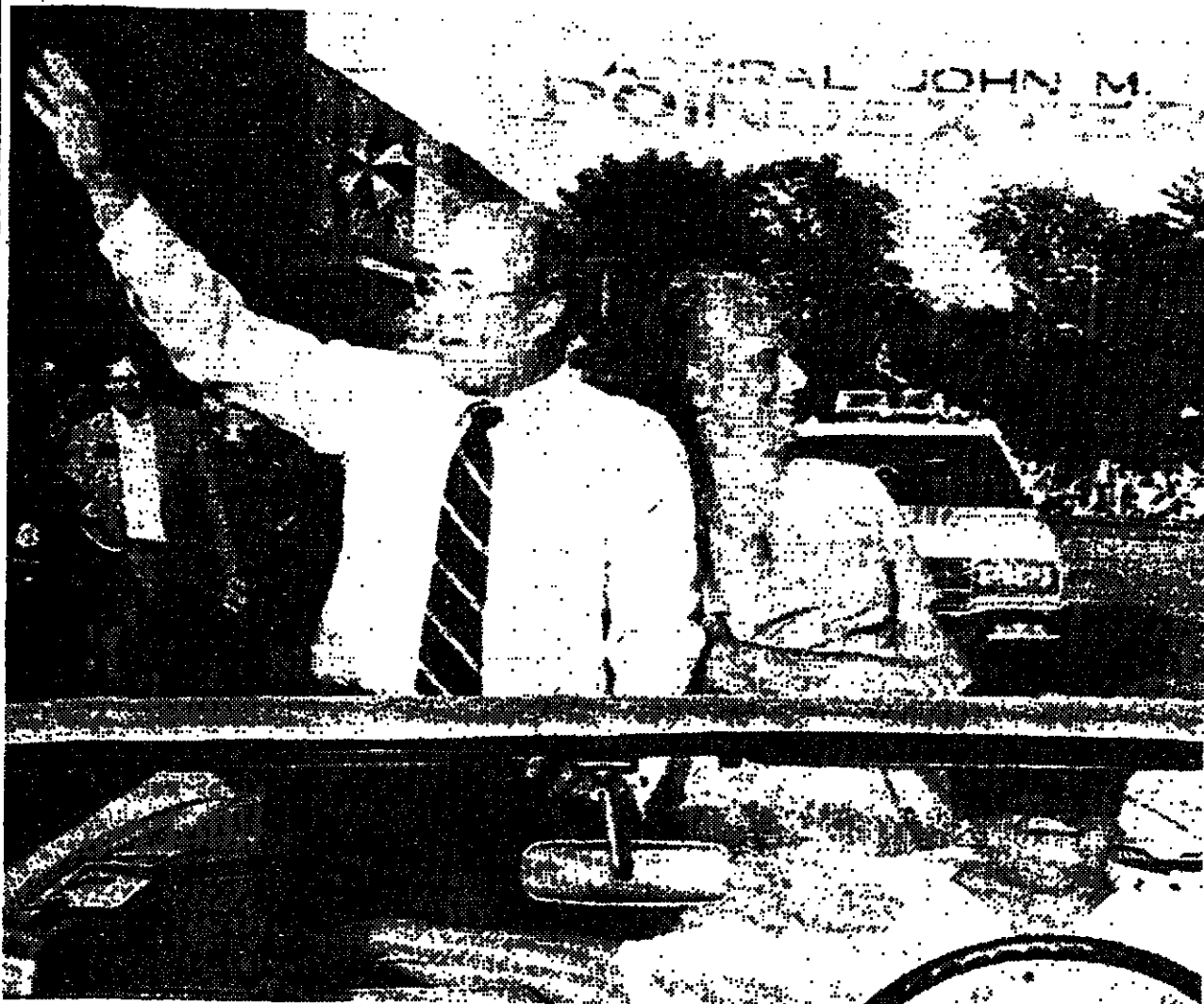
Mr Buta Singh left Delhi yesterday to fly to the village, which is also to be visited by the Punjab Governor, Mr Siddhartha Shankar Ray. Mr Buta Singh is the minister responsible for trying to reimpose order in Punjab.

DELHI: Communist rebels ambushed police in Andhra Pradesh in southern India and killed 10 officers, the United News of India said (AP reports).



Mr Koch: has turned his active mind to stopping canine anti-social behaviour.

Irangate figure gets hero's welcome



Rear Admiral John Poindexter, the former US National Security Adviser who resigned over the Irangate affair, and his wife greeting crowds at the 102 Old Settlers Day parade in his home town of Odon, Indiana, where he was guest of honour.

The Central American peace plan

US pressure as ministers meet

From Martha Honey, San José

Central American foreign ministers began a crucial two-day meeting in El Salvador yesterday to create the mechanisms for implementing the peace plan signed by the region's five Presidents in Guatemala earlier this month.

The foreign ministers are to name commissions to draw up a timetable, define the terms and put the ambitious peace agreement into practice before the deadline on November 7. The agreement, instigated by President Arias of Costa Rica, seeks to end the civil wars in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala, to stop US, Soviet and Cuban support for rebels in the region and to restore civil liberties in Nicaragua.

"This meeting is more important than the Guatemala summit because it will demonstrate if the Central American countries are willing to concretely put in practice the agreement and not let outside influences deter them," said a member of the Costa Rican delegation.

Costa Rican officials are worried and annoyed by Washington's mounting opposition to the peace plan. US ambassadors to the region were summoned to Washington and instructed to convey to the Central American foreign ministers before yesterday's meeting the Reagan Administration's deep concern about the

agreement, and to work to reshape the accord to Washington's liking.

The left-wing rebels in El Salvador and the right-wing Contras in Nicaragua appear to present another big obstacle to implementation. The plan calls for the guerrillas to agree to a ceasefire, reject external support, enter dialogue with the governments they oppose, and accept international supervision.

Foreign ministers will discuss a proposal made by President Duarte of El Salvador that the Nicaraguan and Salvadoran governments both meet rebel opposition groups for one day, September 15, to discuss the ceasefire. President Duarte stipulated as a condition to the talks that the rebels fully endorse the Arias pact by August 30.

So far the Salvadoran guerrillas and Nicaraguan Contras have given only qualified support to the peace plan. The left-wing Salvadoran rebels have accepted President Duarte's offer to talk, but propose that the meeting be held for two days under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church.

Nicaraguan Contra leaders, who have pledged to keep fighting and expressed doubts that the left-wing Sandinista Government can make democratic re-

forms, are in San Salvador to lobby the meeting of the foreign ministers.

This meeting is of importance to President Duarte, who has little popular support and is squeezed by the left-wing guerrillas on one hand and by his army and the powerful right wing, who want to wipe out the rebels, on the other. His domestic position has also been undermined by his closest ally, the US, which has quietly cut all non-military aid for the past 13 months in an attempt to force stringent economic reforms.

High-level officials here say President Duarte has embraced the peace agreement as a way to win international and domestic recognition as a peacemaker. "His only hope is that he can go down in history as the man who brought peace to El Salvador," said one Costa Rican government adviser.

A flurry of diplomatic activity preceded the foreign ministers' meeting. The Salvadoran Government sent three leading officials to Washington for talks with the Reagan Administration, and another to Mexico to meet the Salvadoran rebel exile leaders.

President Ortega of Nicaragua last week went to Cuba, where he and President Castro pledged to support the peace plan.

Ethiopia again braced for famine after rains fail

By Michael Dynes

Relief agency and Government officials in Addis Ababa are braced for a repetition of the 1984-86 Ethiopian famine - believed to have claimed as many as one million lives - because the annual rains have failed to arrive on time in large areas of the country.

The alarm has been raised by relief agencies working in Ethiopia, who have warned that the annual rainfall in the southern and central provinces of Shewa, Hararge, Sidamo and Gamo Gofa has been particularly poor, while the

rains in the northern regions of Eritrea, Tigray and Welo have failed.

According to one report, the lack of rain in the past five weeks has meant that early crops such as maize and sorghum have withered, while those planted late, such as wheat and barley, cannot be sown as the ground is dry.

It warns that even if the rains, which should arrive between July and September, come soon, next year's food production will still be seriously deficient.

Relief agency officials also

fear that, if the rains do arrive, they will provide perfect breeding conditions for the desert locust, a species indigenous to the Horn of Africa which can reproduce extremely rapidly with devastating consequences for any remaining food crops.

Some London-based relief agencies fear that the response of the public to another Ethiopian famine would not be as generous as that three years ago. But they point out that much of the relief distribution system built up during the last famine is still intact, and that

another catastrophe could be averted if Western donors began famine relief immediately.

British aid: The Overseas Development Organization, the government department responsible for Britain's official overseas aid programme, yesterday said it would send 7,000 tonnes of emergency food aid to northern Ethiopia as an immediate response to an appeal by Mr Berhanu Jembere, head of Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

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Report says US slipping in space race

Sally Ride sets Moon base as next aim

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

America's first woman in space has warned the nation that it will not regain its leadership in space exploration without a bold programme of science and technology.

Dr Sally Ride said, in a 63-page report to NASA, that the United States should build an outpost on the Moon that could be home for up to 30 people by the year 2010, before attempting the more dramatic and difficult task of landing Americans on Mars.

Dr Ride urged a detailed examination of the Earth from orbit and the human exploration of Mars early in the next century, and said that the US was losing its space leadership to the Soviet Union in some key areas.

She led a team asked to study "leadership and Amer-

ica's future in space" after the explosion in January, 1986, of the space shuttle Challenger in which all seven crew members died. Several unmanned US missions have also failed since, and the US space programme has come to a virtual standstill.

Her report said that up to 30 people would by 2010 be living and working productively on the lunar surface for months at a time. The report called for three one-year round-trip voyages to Mars early in the 21st century. The astronauts would spend two weeks exploring the red planet before returning. The objective would be the eventual establishment of a US colony on Mars.

"A successful Mars initiative would recapture the high ground of world space leader-



Dr Ride: cautious steps to American colony on Mars.

ing the report and its recommendations said that it had "contributed strongly to a process that will determine the goals and directions of the nation's civil space activities".

The report dampened the hopes of those who have pushed for a manned mission to Mars by the year 2005, saying that the US space programme should not rush headlong towards the planet, but aim for the Moon again and develop the technology and experience needed for an orderly expansion outwards from Earth.

Settling Mars should be the eventual US goal, but it should not be the next goal, Dr Ride observed.

The report observed that the US programme lacked some fundamental capabilities, such as minimal Earth-to-orbit transportation.

Lange to take job of school reform

From Richard Long, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, underlined the change in emphasis of his second-term Cabinet in a widespread reshuffle yesterday when he took the unprecedented step of assuming the education portfolio.

He has relinquished the foreign affairs brief, which he held through three years of clashes with Washington over his Labour Government's anti-nuclear policies, in a swap with Mr Russell Marshall, the Education Minister.

The switch was seen as a move to emphasize the social priorities of his administration after its victory in last weekend's general election.

While Mr Lange's action in taking over education was the most dramatic step, he moved other colleagues around. Mr David Caygill, one of his most capable lieutenants, was assigned to the difficult area of health, which requires a big shake-up, and a new minister, Dr Michael Cullen, takes control of social welfare.

Mr Roger Douglas, the reformist Finance Minister, retains his portfolio, although his two associate finance ministers have changed. Dr Cullen linking up with Mr

The full Cabinet list, in order of ranking, is: Prime Minister and Minister of Education David Lange; Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney General, Justice Geoffrey Palmer; Overseas Trade & Marketing Michael Moore; Finance Roger Douglas; State-Owned Enterprises, Postmaster General, Works and Development Richard Prebble; Maori Affairs Koro Wetere; Health, Trade and Industry David Caygill; Foreign Affairs, Disarmament and Arms Control Russell Marshall; Internal Affairs Dr Michael Bassett; Minister of State, Leader of the House Jonathan Hunt; Defence Bob Tizard; Agriculture and Fisheries Colin Moyer; Labour and Immigration Stan Roger; Employment Bill Goff; Women's Affairs, Consumer Affairs, Sciences Mrs Margaret Shields; Police, Forestry, Lands Peter Tapsell; Housing and Conservation Ms Helen Clark; Social Welfare (Associate Minister of Finance) Dr Michael Cullen; Transport and Civil Aviation Bill Jeffries; Energy, Regional Development (Associate Minister of Finance) David Butcher; Revenue, Customs Trevor de Cleene (not in Cabinet).

David Butcher, the Regional Development Minister. Rural regions have suffered most from the Government's economic restructuring plans.

Mr Lange said the new team had been chosen to build on the economic strengths that had been the hallmark of the Government's first term. It was planned to inject a new dimension into areas of social policy, which would be the hallmark of Labour's second period in office.

The Prime Minister said he had chosen to take on the key responsibility for education because it was an area of paramount importance on which the Government would be judged. He added: "I am concerned to see that everyone gets the impression - in public and the bureaucracy alike - that this will be a principal preoccupation of the Government."

Mr Lange emphasized education and social policy reform throughout his election campaign. This was seen by some commentators and political opponents as a bid to offset the hard image of Labour's emphasis on free-enterprise economic policies, and to meet public concern over education, shown in opinion polls to be a main concern of parents.

The Prime Minister, a lawyer and doctor's son, said in his opening speech of the election campaign that Labour would build an education system where a railwayman's daughter had the same opportunities as someone from his background.

Sir Robert Muldoon, the opposition National Party spokesman on foreign affairs, described the appointment of Mr Marshall, a former Methodist minister whom he once dubbed "the Red reverend", as absurd and bizarre.

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How the SS came to Britain

In 1947 the government allowed hundreds of Ukrainians who had served with the SS into Britain. In the first of two articles, Tom Bower reveals that Whitehall knew what it was doing

Late on the night of March 23, 1947, a small group of senior Foreign Office officials led by the Minister of State, Hector McNeill, arrived at 10 Downing Street for a hurried meeting with the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee. After a brief conversation, they re-emerged triumphant. They had secured Attlee's agreement that 8,000 Ukrainians living at the time in a displaced persons (DP) camp near Rimini on the Adriatic coast of Italy could be immediately shipped to Britain.

The Foreign Office team knew of suspicions that many of the Ukrainians were former SS officers who had committed appalling atrocities in eastern Europe. But over the previous four weeks they had deliberately ignored the evidence. Later that year, they would also distort the truth. About 1,000 of those Ukrainians eventually became naturalized British citizens.

One thousand Baltic nationals, many of whom had also served in SS battalions, also benefited from the Foreign Office's stratagem and the Prime Minister's decision that night. For nearly two years they had also been living in No 374 SEP Camp near Rimini, and they were to sail with the Ukrainians to Britain in May and June 1947.

Among them was Antanas Gecas, a wartime member of the 8,000-strong Lithuanian Auxiliary Police. Gecas, who now lives in Edinburgh and is a naturalized British subject, is accused by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, on the basis of more than 1,000 documents, of having systematically murdered thousands of Soviet Jews as part of the Final Solution. Gecas admits that he was an officer of a specialist SS murder squad but denies that he personally shot anyone.

But government documents show that Gecas and an indeterminate number of other former SS officers benefited from agreements made during 1947 between the Foreign Office, the War Office, the Home Office and the Ministry of Labour both to ignore any evidence that east European nationals like Gecas had been associated with Nazi atrocities, and to answer any complaints by politicians and members of the public by falsely insisting that all those who arrived in Britain had been "extensively screened".

The evidence available proves conclusively that none of those Ukrainians and Balts who came to Britain were

screened, despite the certainty that among the 9,000 were many SS officers guilty of war crimes.

According to Sir Fitzroy Maclean, whose reputation was exploited by the Foreign Office to support their erroneous claims, "We never had a chance to screen the Ukrainians properly, although I'm sure that there were war criminals among them."

The Ukrainians had been recruited by the Germans in Galicia in 1943 as eager fighters against the Bolsheviks. Under the grand title of the "Waffen SS Panzer Grenadier Division Galizien", they moved into the Soviet Union, where, in the following year, they were severely mauled by the Red Army. During their campaign, however, the division is believed to have rampaged through the L'vov area, then part of Poland, murdering thousands of civilians. In early 1945 the unit was renamed the Ukrainian No 1 Division, a prudently innocuous description in the light of the declining fortunes of the Third Reich and the fate that would inevitably befall those discovered to have been officers of the SS.

In May 1945 the division, numbering approximately 10,000 officers and men, surrendered to the British 5th Corps in Austria and awaited their fate near Spital an der Drau. At Potsdam, three

months since they were not recognized as Soviet citizens by the Allied governments, they were safe from enforced repatriation.

During the first days of the armistice, it became the responsibility of General Charles Keightley and his 5th Corps to implement the Yalta Agreement and repatriate Soviet citizens to Russia, among them 50,000 Cosacks. During the summer, Keightley decided that the Ukrainians were not Soviet citizens and ordered their removal to Rimini, where they were soon joined by the grateful Balts.

For the next 18 months, tightly guarded in the sprawling camp on the Adriatic coast, fed by the Italian government, their only disturbance was a visit by a mission from the Soviet Union, checking nationalities. The Russians declared that the Ukrainians would be forcibly repatriated, particularly because of their crimes.

"Operation Keightley" was launched by the British and the Americans to satisfy the Russians' demands; its failure was due to deliberate sabotage by a British officer, Major Denis Hills, who was unsympathetic to the notion of repatriation. British policy, however, was clear: if any of the Ukrainians were Russians, they would be returned.

By any reckoning No 374 SEP Camp was a most astonishing collection of human flotsam. Sharing the camp with the Ukrainians and Balts were more than 20,000 Yugoslavs — 9,000 pro-German Ustashi and 11,700 anti-Tito Chetniks — whose return as war criminals was demanded daily by the Belgrade government. So in January 1947 the British government had total responsibility, although only nominal control, over 30,000 ultra-nationalists who proudly admitted that they had willingly volunteered to fight Britain's allies while denying with equal vehemence that they had committed a single crime. British officials in London handled the dilemma in their customary manner, by ignoring it.

Suddenly, in January 1947, the 30,000 Yugoslavs, Ukrainians and Balts "held" at Rimini became, in the British view, at risk. Triggering the new situation was the imminent withdrawal of British troops from Italy in accordance with the peace treaty with the new Italian government. Under article 45 of the treaty, any suspected war criminal whose arrest was demanded by any nation was to be

'At the first sign of danger, all those with guilty consciences would clear out'

months later, Stalin specifically demanded their surrender and Churchill agreed to investigate. The Ukrainians, however, denied their Soviet nationality and insisted that they were Poles, although this was in turn denied by the government in Warsaw.

In another nearby camp were about 1,000 Balts who had also served in the SS, including Gecas and other officers of the Lithuanian Auxiliary Police. Initially, they masqueraded as members of General Wladyslaw Anders's Free Polish Army,



Questions: A British NCO interviewing prisoners in Italy

handed over by the Italian government without delay.

When Foreign Office officials realized that all the inmates of the Rimini camp might be handed over to the Russians and Yugoslavs, they became uncharacteristically agitated. "The political implications might be most serious," wrote Sir George Rendel, the superintending under-secretary of the refugee department at the Foreign Office.

The future of the Yugoslavs was considered by Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, to be particularly sensitive. The immediate solution, endorsed personally by Bevin, was to dispatch Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who had won notable success in negotiating on Churchill's behalf with Tito during the war. At the end of his mission, Maclean had parted on very good terms with Tito and had since become the Conservative MP for Lancaster. He was asked by the socialist minister to lead a team which would screen all the Yugoslav DPs in Italy. Those who were exposed as war criminals would be returned to Yugoslavia. The remainder, Maclean would then be able to personally assure Tito, were simply anti-communists who wanted to live in the West.

Maclean was attracted to the idea, but was urged by the Conservative Party whips to refuse. This week he recalled: "They told me that if I succeeded Bevin would take the credit and if I failed I would have to carry the blame. I can now see what they meant."

When Maclean arrived in Rome with his nine-man team in late January 1947, he had precisely three months to complete his mission.

The Foreign Office's refugee department bore the initial burden in protecting the government from embarrassment on the sensitive Rimini issue. Two officials in particular would be concerned with the fate of the inmates: A. W. H. Wilkinson and Evelyn Boothby, who in turn reported to Thomas Brimelow and Sir George Rendel. All four recognized that Rimini, in particular, was a potential powder keg.

On February 3, a Cabinet committee had decided to explore the possibility of transporting most of the Rimini DPs to North Africa. The Foreign Office needed to know, however, who they would be transporting.

I was Wilkinson, the Foreign Office representative to the United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Administration, who suggested that Maclean might be persuaded to travel immediately to Rimini and screen not only the Yugoslavs but, as a priority, the Ukrainians — although they would not be sent to North Africa. Anxious to oblige, Maclean immediately dispatched some of his team to the camp.

Maclean, in the meantime, had become quite depressed about his mission. On February 12, 1947 he confided his worst fears in a cable to the Foreign Office. Identifying the war criminals was, he reported, quite impossible. "These men have in the past two years had ample time in which to disguise their identity and this commission has no machinery whatever for criminal investigation work."

The camps which he had visited, he reported, were not guarded, "so that at the first sign of danger all those with guilty consciences would clear out". He concluded that he could not hope to "fulfil this portion of my task in any but the most superficial manner".

Faced with many thousands of separate investigations at Rimini, Maclean's team concluded that completion would

take "many months" while the deadline for the British withdrawal was just 10 weeks away. More worryingly, they admitted that their interrogations were of dubious value. The Ukrainians were under the command of a fanatical nationalist who had organized the British teams' translations. As Maclean now admits: "You can be pretty certain that the interpretations were heavily prejudiced."

Three days later, Maclean sent the Foreign Office a succinct report. The Ukrainians, he cabled, were "in a position to withhold any information they wished". The screening was, he informed London, a complete failure. His report about the Ukrainians themselves was damning. All of them had "admitted freely that they volunteered to fight for the Germans", and most pertinent of all, "there were indications that some may have served in SS units... It must be borne in mind that we only have their own word for it that... they have not com-

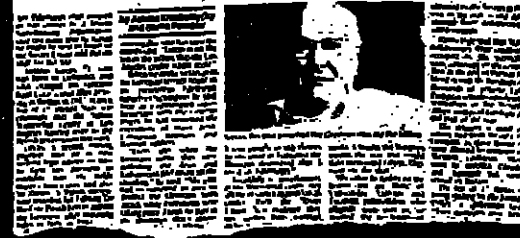
mitted atrocities or war crimes."

Maclean's own position on the question of their nationality was equivocal. He was prepared to give them the benefit of the doubt: that they were not Russian nationals. His conclusions, though, were devastating: if the Ukrainians were left in Italy, they would probably be repatriated to the Soviet Union because no one else would believe their claims to be Polish. That transportation, he warned London, would "involve a major military operation, as apart from those who escaped or committed suicide, every one of them would actively resist repatriation." Maclean's message ended: "I need hardly emphasize that an immediate decision is essential."

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TOMORROW
How the cover-up was organized by the government

Refugee accused of war crimes by Nazi hunters



Accused: controversy surrounds Antanas Gecas

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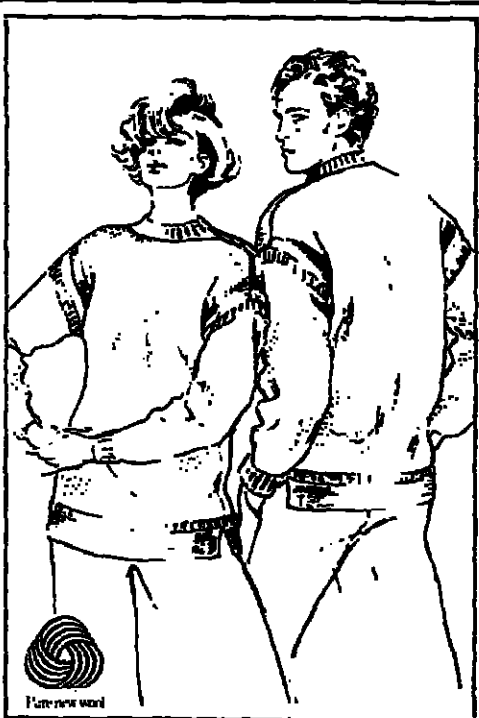
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surviving septuplets in
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tal equipment.

In babies, three months
old, are being constantly
tended. Each includes two
specialist paediatricians, two
nurses, three house officers and
three specialists.

They are supported by more
than 100 staff in neonatal
care, and a team of nurses
and doctors who work round
the clock. Each infant is
born weighing between 400-600g
and growing at 10-15g a day.

The hardware includes a ven-
tilator which can assist or com-
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and devices to monitor
heart, breathing, tempera-
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The babies' lungs had not
developed before they were
born, and they are being
checked continuously. Checks
include oxygen in the blood,
pH on an electrode placed on
the skin. In addition, a blood
sample monitors the levels
of glucose and acidity in
the blood. These levels are
measured up to 10 times a day.

Each child lies on a pad
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the baby's chest. The cot has
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How hospitals and
support groups help
parents — and

siblings — to live
with the loss of a baby

Coming to terms with
the death of a baby is
an infinitely sad pro-
cess. Trying to cope
with the death of a twin at the
same time as nurturing the
survivor creates a sense of
guilt and anguish in parents
over decades after the event.
The trauma of Mrs Si-
mon Jones and her husband is
typical of a new scale.

More than 10,000 babies
were either stillborn or dis-
tained within the first
year in England and Wales
last year. This relatively rare
event in one hundred
thousand to other European
countries.

Before the Second World
War the figure for such death
was four in five. It is a
tragic bereavement which has
more difficulty to bear be-
cause there are now so few peo-
ple who have any experience of
it. Mrs Joanna Jones, who
lost her two and a half year
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HEALTH

Fighting against the odds

As doctors struggle to save the surviving Liverpool septuplets, Thomson Prentice looks at the teamwork and technology involved

The battle for the two surviving septuplets in Liverpool is being fought with the combined skills of some of Britain's leading medical and nursing specialists, using the most sophisticated hospital equipment.

The babies, three months premature, are being constantly tended by a team that includes two consultant paediatricians, two registrars, three house officers and two associate specialists.

They are supported by more than 50 nurses skilled in neonatal care, midwifery and paediatrics who work in seven-and-a-half hour shifts around the clock. Each infant has monitoring and life-support equipment costing between £40,000 and £50,000 surrounding its cot.

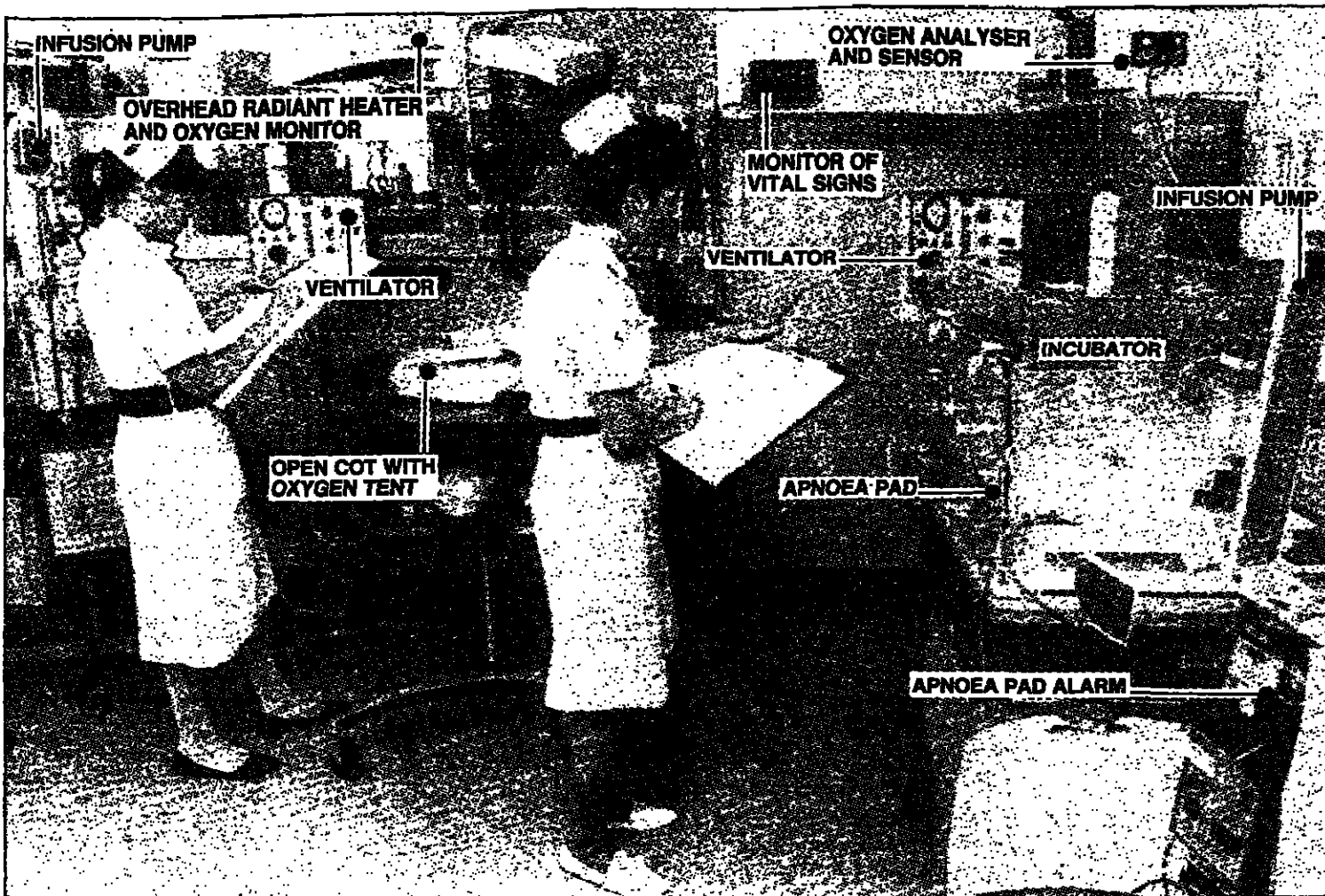
The hardware includes a ventilator, which can assist or completely take over the baby's breathing, an incubator, and devices to monitor heart rate, breathing, temperature and blood pressure.

The babies' lungs had not fully developed before they were born, resulting in critical problems. A monitor continuously checks the amount of oxygen in the blood through an electrode placed on the skin. In addition, a blood gas analyser monitors the levels of carbon dioxide and acidity in the baby's blood. These levels need to be measured up to 10 times a day.

Each child lies on a pad connected to an apnoea alarm which detects any stoppage in breathing. If the alarm sounds, nurses can immediately supply oxygen, or rouse the baby simply by flicking its feet. In some cases, the cot has been covered by an oxygen tent. An infusion pump also provides liquid nutrients and an overhead radiant heater maintains normal body temperature.

Without such technology the babies would have no chance of survival. But as the tragic events of this week have shown, even all the available equipment and expertise has not been enough.

Unfortunately their survival was threatened from the start. None of the seven babies weighed as much



Operation intensive care: nurses, working in shifts round the clock, monitor the sophisticated equipment used to keep premature babies alive

as two pounds at birth; the heaviest was Liam, the first born, at 1lb 10½ ounces, who died on Tuesday. National statistics show that without expert care only 10 per cent of babies weighing less than two pounds survive. At about 24 weeks gestation, there may be only a 25-30 per cent chance of life.

In a well-equipped intensive care unit such as the one at Liverpool,

'If we are to win, it is going to be long, hard and uphill all the way'

the number of very low birthweight babies, known as LBWs, who survive, can be increased to about 60 per cent. However, the Halton babies' prospects have never risen above a 50-50 chance of life. As the days passed this week, there was a telling lack of optimism at the hospital.

Doctors were seeing virtually no improvement in any of the survivors. "It is going to be one hell of a struggle," one of the senior staff said. "If we are to win, it is going to

be long and hard and uphill all the way."

For the dedicated nursing staff, caring for these and similar infants is extremely stressful. "The babies are so ill that nursing contact with them is limited. The outcome is always in doubt and inevitably some of the children will be lost," said Pearce Butler, the general manager of the hospital.

Survival in itself will not be a complete success if any of the babies has been born with, or develops, any of the disabling conditions found in a minority of LBWs.

Tests since the births are now giving an accurate picture. The hospital specialists are particularly anxious to detect any signs of serious, permanent impairment in either of the survivors.

According to Baby Life Support Systems (BLISS), the charity for the newborn, which has raised £750,000 for hospital equipment and specialist staff training, "increased neonatal expertise does not mean saving babies' lives only to condemn them to a life of handicap."

Dr Richard Cooke, one of the

consultant paediatricians at the unit, is a leading researcher in this field. "Mortality rates of LBW infants have been declining for over 20 years, but there is the fear that increases in survival have been achieved at the expense of increased morbidity (disease) among the survivors," he and colleagues reported in a study in *The Lancet* last year.

'The outcome is always in doubt and inevitably children will be lost'

The study showed that more of these infants now survive without major impairment. However, there are still risks. The most common neurological disorder among such children is cerebral palsy, which is caused by damage to the immature brain and leads to physical and mental handicap of varying severity. Defective vision, hearing and speech, intellectual impairment, epilepsy may also be involved.

However, more research into the development of this group of babies

is needed, and projects are now being launched to provide better information about the kind of future that is in store for them.

"Larger studies are required if significant differences in the relatively small numbers surviving with disability are to be detected," Dr Cooke and colleagues said in *The Lancet*. "The monitoring of low birthweight infants should be organized nationally."

Some of that work is now being undertaken by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit at Oxford, in collaboration with the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. They are particularly interested in the outcomes of multiple births—triplets and upwards—and are seeking the help of specialists, parents and family doctors.

But a national lack of intensive care facilities and a serious shortage of qualified nurses worries many specialists. "There are not enough nurses or equipment to deal with all the babies now requiring care, let alone those who will need it in the future," said Dr Andrew Ramsden, consultant paediatrician at University College Hospital, London.

MEDICAL BRIEFING
Wrinkles await

Although a face as heavily creased as the poet Auden's may be attractive in a man, most women would rather have an unlined face. Few smokers realize that the habit is one of the commonest causes of the loss of elasticity in the facial skin, and even fewer know that smoking is also a factor in the development of hirsutism—excessive hairiness.

A recent study, by the Medical College of Wisconsin, of the gynaecological effects of smoking in 50,000 women is reported in *Pulse*. It shows that women who smoke are more likely to suffer infertility, early menopause,

irregular or scanty periods, and hirsutism.

The authors found a particularly clear, dose-related, relationship in women over 30 between smoking and the development of a male-pattern uniline hairiness. Research shows that this may be due to an increase in the incidence of polycystic ovaries in women who smoke. It suggests that although these gynaecological changes may not be as dangerous as heart and lung disease, they may act as a greater deterrent. Time may show that a hairy, creased face may prove a greater discouragement to smokers than upset periods.

Funds in crisis

aids The *New England Journal of Medicine* reports that a double-blind trial of the drug AZT in patients suffering from Aids

dramatically reduced the death rate in those with opportunistic infection when they were treated with the active drug rather than a placebo. The drug is very toxic and a fifth of the patients who had received it later needed blood transfusions to counteract its side-effects. The benefits of AZT in relation to long-term survival has still to be assessed. The option to use it is not open to all doctors treating Aids patients in the United Kingdom, due to the lack of funds made available to the NHS to purchase it. Twenty-six per cent of all Aids patients in Britain are now being treated in 11 regions of the country which have no money allocated to buy the drug. In the North East Thames area, all the money allocated for AZT is going to the Bloomsbury Hospital; but the funds are inadequate to treat their own patients, let alone those from other hospitals.

Hair-raising

Regaine, a minoxidil-based scalp application, has been shown to help cases of male pattern baldness, but it is still awaiting its United Kingdom licence. As minoxidil can only be prescribed by a doctor, hairdressers have been warned that if they persist in mixing their own compounds, or if

they import them from abroad, they risk prosecution. Regaine is thought to work by improving the blood supply to the scalp, an idea which has prompted a Japanese dermatologist, Dr Shoji Toshitani, to devise an inflatable head cuff which will do the same thing. *Pulse* reports that Dr Toshitani demonstrated his invention at the recent World Congress of Dermatology in Berlin: his cuff fits around a patient's head like a hippie's headband, with the inflatable bags within it so arranged that the skin of the scalp is pushed upwards. The relaxation of the tension within the scalp causes a 10 per cent increase in the blood supply. Dr Toshitani claims improvements in 65 per cent of his patients who sit for two hours a day wearing his inflatable headband.

Timing trial

Many readers have written to *The Times* to ask about the present situation in regard to a new beta-blocker, celiprolol, which, it is claimed, has fewer side-effects in the treatment of heart-related diseases than existing preparations.

The drug, manufactured by Chemie Lenz in Austria, will be marketed by Rorer Pharmaceuticals in the United Kingdom. It is not yet available in this country and it is uncertain when its licence will be granted by the CSM, but the relevant information is now with them. The process of licensing usually takes between several months to two years. Celiprolol has been used in Austria since 1983, in West Germany since 1986 and will be available in several other European countries within a few months.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Family life after death

How hospitals and support groups help parents—and siblings—to live with the loss of a baby

Coming to terms with the death of a baby is an infinitely sad process. Trying to cope with the death of a twin at the same time as nurturing the survivor creates a sense of guilt and anguish in parents, even decades after the event. But the trauma of Mrs Sue Halton and her husband is a nightmare on a new scale.

More than 13,000 babies were either stillborn or died neonatally (within the first 28 days) in England and Wales last year. This fatality rate—about one in one hundred—is similar to other European countries.

Before the Second World War the figure for such deaths was four in 100. It is this improvement which has made baby bereavement so much more difficult to bear because there are now so few people who have any experience of it.

Mrs Joanna Jones, who lost a twin boy two and a half years ago, runs a group called



United: Joanna Jones and sons. Surviving twin Thomas, left

TAMBA (the Twins and Multiple Births Association bereavement group) from her home in Bromley, Kent. She said: "The initial period is probably easier because you have someone to bring home to look after and to get up in the night for. But delayed grief hit me six months later. There is a terrible confusion because you feel it isn't fair on the

surviving baby to be unhappy, yet you feel guilty towards the dead baby for being happy."

Some mothers say that they feel as if one arm is empty, or that half the bed is empty. They put a teddy bear beside the surviving child, not so much as a comfort for him, but to help themselves adapt.

SANDS, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society, is a self-help organization with 150 local groups around the country. When they arranged a joint memorial recently, a 60-year-old woman attended in order to grieve for the baby she lost 40 years ago. For all that time she had not been able to mourn in any tangible way.

"There have been radical changes in the way hospitals treat parents," said Lesley Moreland, director of SANDS.

It used to be common practice that they would get hustled out of the hospital. "This was done with the best intentions, to try to shield them from seeing other mothers with their infants, but today we think parents should be given as much contact and information as possible."

Because the reality of a baby who dies so quickly is hard to handle, parents are now encouraged to cuddle the infant after death, as did Mrs Halton. Many hospitals also suggest that a proper photograph is taken of the child, rather than

the forlorn snapshots which used to be the only record left for the family album. Christening of children is also encouraged, wherever possible, but unlike those who die neonatally, stillborn babies do not receive a birth certificate.

Systems of burial vary enormously. Parents can opt for a hospital contract funeral—in which case, says Moreland, the baby may stay in the morgue until there are enough infants to bury together at a local cemetery—or they can arrange the funeral themselves. Cremation is increasingly common, "but parents need to be told in advance that there will probably be no ashes because the baby is so small," says Moreland.

It is not only parents who have to cope with their grief but also siblings, especially those who have survived the same pregnancy. "There are enormous problems for them," said Dr Emmanuel Lewis, psychoanalyst at the Tavistock Clinic, London, one of the few centres in the country where specialist treatment is offered to parents whose babies have died. "The survivors will think they were tougher and greedier, that they triumphed over their dead brothers and sisters." With twins, the most common problem is that both they and their parents can be haunted by the missing child.

Most parents who suffer baby bereavement are, inevitably, young and it is their first experience of death.

But if mothers feel confused and distressed and complain that friends and neighbours do not understand them, husbands discover that they get even less support. In a SANDS newsletter, one writes: "When our baby was stillborn I was constantly told what a tower of strength I had been... but there were times when I longed to feel vulnerable and angry and to cry and cry."

The Haltons could have even more problems than most because they have scarcely had time for grief. "Even with all their difficulties they should find time to grieve," says Dr Lewis. "A baby's death is like a black hole in the mind, never letting out the light."

Heather Kirby

Calman's SICK NOTE





THE TIMES DIARY

Account cleared

Six months after an internal audit cleared War on Want's outgoing general secretary, George Galloway, of allegations surrounding his expenses, I learn that he has since voluntarily repaid £1,720. The figure was confirmed yesterday by the Charity Commissioners amid claims from some WoW council members that they are being kept in the dark about the affair. They say that an official press release obscured one of the audit's key findings — that some of Galloway's expenditure was not "incurred wholly and exclusively in connection with his employment". This, it said, arose through "inadequate internal financial controls and guidance and lack of supervision" rather than dishonesty. The extraordinary general meeting following the report asked council officers to establish the "exact nature of that expenditure and what needs to be done about it". The dissenters say they will press for the information again at the charity's AGM in September. Galloway tells me the matter was concluded in February and the criticisms came from a group campaigning for candidates in the charity's elections.

Hooking Hess

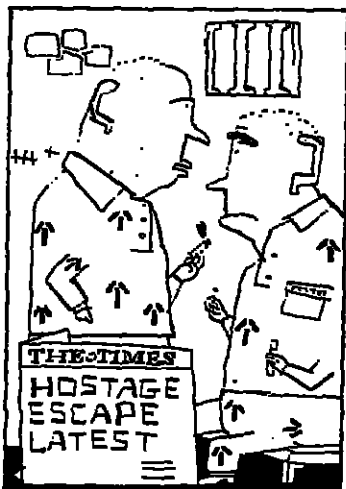
There are some strange stories told of Rudolf Hess's flight to Scotland in 1941, but none, I suspect, odder than the plot shortly to be rehearsed by Anthony Masters. In his Basil Blackwood book, *Literary Agents*, about the involvement in wartime intelligence of Graham Greene, John Le Carré and other writers, Masters tells how Ian Fleming — then a naval intelligence officer — was reputed to have lured Hess over. Hearing that he was obsessed with the occult, Fleming supposedly planted a British astrologer in his department who slipped him a dummy horoscope persuading him to make for Britain. Whatever the truth of the story, once Hess was in captivity Fleming did hit on a wheeze to have him interrogated by Aleister Crowley, a notorious black-magician who styled himself "the Beast 666". Sad to say, Fleming's masters took a dim view and scotched the plan.

● As the Home Counties sweltered yesterday, news reached me from Canada that two keepers there were bodily lifting kangaroos out of the sun. "The roos just sit there and pant, when all they have to do is move into the shade," said one Vancouver keeper.

Robert the spruce

Stuffy, grey, priggish and boring. These are the kinder epithets being applied to Robert Maclean, the SDP MP bidding to replace David Owen as party leader. Not surprisingly, the party's pro-merger faction is on his behalf. Bob, they aver, is really quite human, and point to a photograph taken during last year's conference. Here, we are assured, is the normally sober-suited member for Caithness and Sutherland sporting a baseball cap at a rakish angle and strumming a tennis racket in a chorus singing an anti-Thatcher hymn. In this shot of Hillbilly Bob, Cowley Street appears to have a ready-made replacement for its torn down portraits of Owen.

BARRY FANTONI



"Don't we know anyone in Syria?"

Booker Banquos

Margaret Drabble's *The Radiant Way* and Anita Brookner's *A Friend from England* are the ghosts that will haunt this year's Booker Prize deliberations. According to Martyn Goff at the Book Trust, which supervises the competition, Miss Drabble has decided not to let her novel go forward because she feels the £15,000 prize should go to a more needy writer. Goff says that though the gesture impresses him it would be disastrous if others followed suit (Graham Greene and Anthony Powell take the same line). "The prize must be for the best novel of the year, even if it is won by three millionaires in a row," he says, adding that the 1978 winner, Iris Murdoch, quietly gave her prize to charity. The reason for the non-appearance by Miss Brookner, a former winner, is more simple. Her publisher, Jonathan Cape, chose to submit novels by Ian McEwan, Bruce Chatwin and Brian Moore instead. She is however on their B list, to be called in by the judges should they so choose.

PHS

Why we need an energy policy

by Ian Parker

It is a damning indictment of this government and British Coal that 59 collieries have closed and 80,000 men have been thrown out of work in the past two years — all because we do not have a coherent energy policy.

Simply to close pits on "economic grounds" permanently freezes valuable coal reserves. And while generous severance payments go some way to alleviate hardship, the fact remains that 80,000 jobs have been lost forever in areas with practically no other industry. The catastrophic social consequences will be felt for years.

Sir Robert says that British Coal has played an important part in "moderating the social consequences of colliery closures". But in reality it has barely begun to scratch the surface. The taxpayer has to bear the cost of keeping 80,000 men and their dependants on social security benefits for a good number of years to come.

There is no justification for prejudicing future energy resources in the name of economics. It must be as economically sound to breathe new life into a pit by investment as it is to pour money into nuclear energy. The government does not call for the closure of nuclear power stations, though the cheap and abundant nuclear

energy that was promised has never arrived.

As for cheap imported coal, even Sir Robert admits that "internationally traded coal is being offered at prices well below what is sustainable in the longer term". Where then is the justification for closing pits to take transitory opportunities for obtaining cheap supplies? Haven't we learnt the lessons of the 1970s, when oil prices quadrupled after Opec had cornered the market?

Referring to future strategy, Sir Robert emphasizes "that in order to ensure a successful future and to safeguard jobs, the industry must adopt modern, flexible working practices and improve industrial relations". How is the board to convince the workforce that flexible working will bring high earnings and be the salvation of the industry if it will not discuss details with the national officials of the unions, the elected representatives of the workforce? If flexible working is such a good thing, surely the board must be considering its application on a national scale in one form or another, so why all the secrecy?

Flexible working will bring in-

creased production levels at all collieries. However, if it is the board's intention to use the extra production at the handful of "superpits" to embark on another round of pit-closures, then I am afraid they will have a hard time trying to sell the idea.

Sir Robert remarks that we need to "improve industrial relations", because he knows that we have industrial non-relations in the industry. With the insecurity caused by pit closures, the time is ripe for consultation, conciliation and negotiation. Instead, the board finds it easier to denigrate those in the workforce willing to speak out against injustice. They would have the public believe the industry is full of irresponsible trade unionists, ready to wreak havoc at the drop of the hat.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Most trade unionists in the industry are socially responsible people, who spend a considerable number of unpaid hours each week for the benefit of their members and their communities, and many act as school and hospital governors as well as JPs. If the board really does want to establish good industrial relations,

then it needs to change its whole approach. It must rid itself of attitudes more reminiscent of the 1880s than the 1980s, and become the managers of men instead of trying to be their masters.

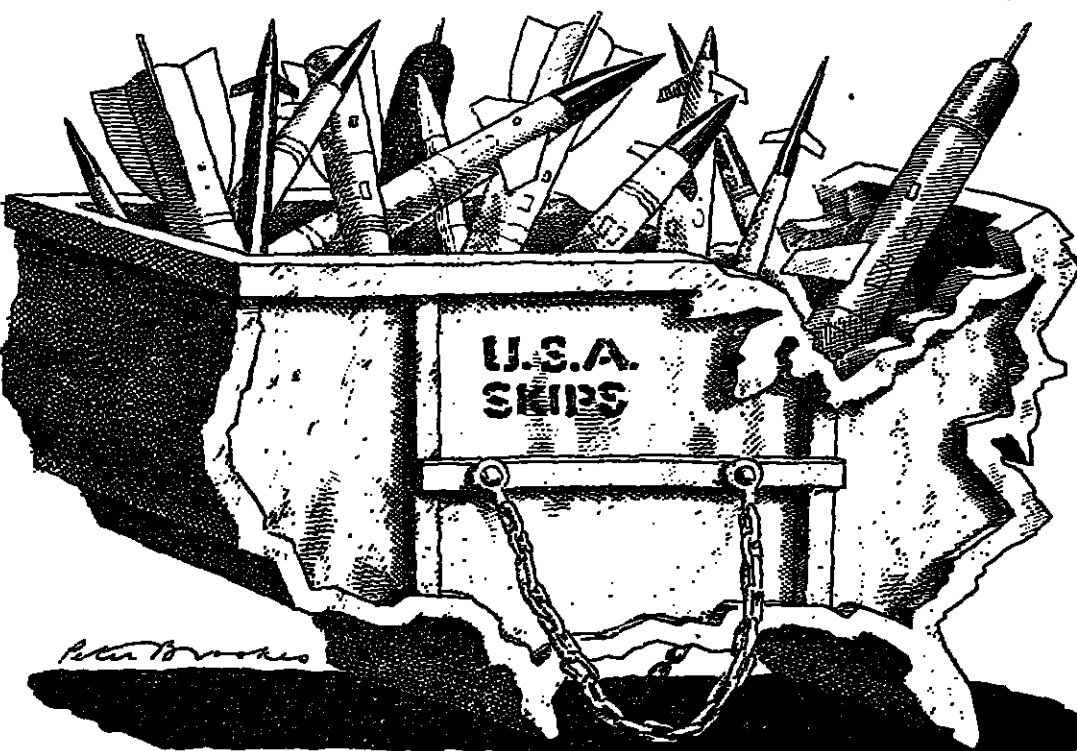
What we need is a coherent energy policy. The coal industry cannot respond efficiently and economically with the violent swings in energy requirements that successive governments have allowed to materialize through a lack of effective planning.

Obviously we need to attain self-sufficiency in energy, but we must take account of the public's fears. We have allowed the nuclear industry to expand out of all proportions without counting the costs in monetary or environmental values. Until we can safely contain nuclear energy and waste in a manner that will not endanger the present and future generations, then we need to keep it within manageable proportions.

There has never been a better case for home produced coal. It has served us safely for hundreds of years, and there are sufficient good reserves to meet our future requirements.

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Gerald Frost on dangers the pending US missile deal poses the West



The sub-zero option that faces Europe

in fixed-wing aircraft, a better than 2:1 edge in artillery and mortars, a 3:2 lead in manpower and a 9:1 lead in chemical weapons. The US Defence Secretary, Caspar Weinberger, and the US Joint Chiefs of Staff have warned in their annual report that Nato's ability to thwart conventional attack has diminished markedly, both in quantity and quality.

But it is not only the conventional and chemical imbalance that disturbs critics of the US Administration's position. For while the US will be required to give up all its ground-launched cruise missiles (GLCMs), a likely accord is not expected to cover the Soviet Union's own new and mobile GLCM, the SS-20, which has a range of 3,000 miles and is being deployed in unknown numbers. Nor does it cover another new addition to the Soviet inventory, the SS-25, an updated version of the SS-20 with an additional stage, and reportedly deployed at some former SS-20 sites. In addition, the Soviets can re-target a proportion of their land-based ICBMs, currently directed at US targets, to cover Europe.

If the deal goes through, the change in the balance of forces will have its most immediate and

profound effect on West Germany. It will be the only West European nation to retain land-based nuclear weapons, mostly artillery shells, tactical weapons and the ageing Pershing IAs which the Kohl government wishes to keep, but the Soviets wish to go.

None of the surviving land-based weapons can reach Soviet territory and only the Pershing IAs will, with certainty, be able to hit targets within non-Soviet Warsaw Pact territory — assuming, of course, that the Soviets accept their retention. West German critics, mostly in the Christian Democratic Union, talk openly of their government becoming "blackmailed".

Since this tenuous nuclear fig leaf cannot be expected to deter a Soviet attack, the West German government is likely to come under increasing pressure from those who seek total denuclearization and a neutral West Germany. Past experience suggests that the peace movement flourishes most against a background of fears and uncertainties, which is just the political environment the "zero-zero" option is likely to produce in West Germany.

But as Soviet spokesmen have also implied, it is likely to produce

renewed demands for the elimination of the French and British independently controlled nuclear submarines, a subject in which the British peace movement can also be expected to take renewed interest. Only Mrs Thatcher and the French prime minister, Jacques Chirac, it will be said, are stubborn enough not to follow the US and Soviet leaders down the path to a nuclear-free world.

Many will conclude that the US is either tired or incapable of meeting its obligations and has lapsed either into a new bout of isolationism or into a kind of dangerous and erratic global unilateralism. The hurried compensations will then be on "compensatory" measures, including the deployment of new weapons, better Anglo-French co-operation, the establishment of a European defence policy. But since European leaders will have just welcomed the new accord as a step on the road to peace, the case for these will be difficult to establish.

It is possible, of course, that Congress will refuse to ratify the deal, just as it refused to ratify SALT II, but this outcome would leave US foreign and defence policy in ruins and the allies even more bewildered than ever.

In the circumstances, the best one can hope is that President Reagan should receive more consistent, if belated, advice from European leaders. Even at the risk of damaging relations in the short term, they must tell him that without substantial improvements a deal based on the "zero-zero" option risks a neutral West Germany, the crumbling of an already battered Western Alliance and the end of the US as a superpower.

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Michael Hamlyn on the vulnerability of a nation to the anger of its own patriots

Sri Lanka's soft underbelly

themselves inside a impenetrable ring. No one was surprised then to hear that one of the people held for questioning yesterday after the attempt on the president's life was a security guard.

The president's security is looked after by a detachment of police officers from the CID called the Ministers' Security Division. It is under the command of a deputy inspector-general of police, Walter Perera.

Like Scotland Yard's squad of personal detectives attached to defend royal and politically prominent persons in Britain, the members are ordinary police officers, seconded and given special training. In Sri Lanka the training is said to be done only locally, though there was some official vagueness on the subject when I pressed the point last night. But it is clear that there is no elite squadron of specially recruited men such as surround the Prime Minister of India in three virtually

independent rings of security. Rajiv Gandhi's security includes a police division from the Delhi police, but also has black-dunghared and red-beretted army commandos, who sport prominent machine guns and fierce moustaches. Closest of all to him is a bodyguard of men from the National Security Agency, specially created after the assassination of Indira Gandhi to provide a false inner cord.

Sri Lanka has recently imported foreign expertise to help with various aspects of the Tamil emergency. Experts from Israel have instructed the police in investigation techniques. British former SAS men have notoriously helped to create and train the elite police commandos of the Special Task Force, and foreign pilots have stiffened the Sri Lankan air force. Pakistan has trained army commandos. China has given help with naval equipment, South Af-

Lord Hailsham

Step by step to a family court

Although fairly non committal, the present Lord Chancellor's maiden speech in the House of Lords gave some ground for hope that the move towards a system of some kind of family courts may at last get under way.

It seems a long time since, as a member of the Heath government, I was instrumental in setting up the Committee on One Parent Families under the chairmanship of the late Mr Justice Finer. This reported in 1974 during the ensuing Labour government in favour of a unified "family court".

At present jurisdiction in family matters in England and Wales is shared between the High Court, the county court and the magistrates' courts. While the High Court jurisdiction is now virtually the separate province of the Family Division, both the county courts and the magistrates' courts must treat family matters as part of their general arrangements. In the nature of things there is no unified system of appeal.

The natural results of this somewhat illogical and incoherent structure are forum shopping, inconsistency of practice and policy and occasionally fragmentation of jurisdiction and confusion. The one option which I would have thought was unacceptable in principle was to muddle along on an ad hoc basis as has been done in the past. Far better than to allow the present situation to drift would be to retain the existing structure but legislate to abolish the existing conflicts of jurisdiction and, if possible, appeal.

It is to be doubted whether this would satisfy the most enthusiastic proponents of a family court, but it would be a step forward and could be achieved without prejudice to further reforms in the direction of a more unified approach. My own conviction, however, is that more will be required.

The rocks upon which proposals for reform have hitherto foundered have been the future of the magistrates' jurisdiction, the nature and composition of any new tribunal to be installed, its jurisdiction, and the expense involved in whatever proposals were finally to be adopted. I do not believe that these difficulties are necessarily insuperable, provided that no attempt is made to solve them all simultaneously. It is the wish to go bald-headed for a total solution without taking into account the existing expertise of the various bodies at present engaged in the operation of the system which has created the present state of almost total inaction.

Though many would argue in an opposite sense, I should myself be sorry to see the end of the magistrates' domestic jurisdiction, at least in the near future. Whatever faults or limitations magistrates possess, compared with regular courts with professional judges, the summary jurisdiction is reasonably speedy, accessible, fairly informal, and on the whole commands general approval. Provided it is exercised by

specially trained magistrates selected from a properly constituted juvenile panel, and provided the jurisdiction excludes cases where a change of legal status (for instance by adoption) is contemplated, and is made to yield to the regular courts in difficult or complicated cases, I can see no reason why the magistrates should not continue to serve in this class of case into the indefinite future. I myself have always favoured in this a total or partial amalgamation of jurisdiction between the High Court and the county court.

Of course, the enthusiasts for a family court will always express dissatisfaction unless and until there is produced, like Athens, a totally separate structure with its own separate court accommodation, its own judiciary, hand-picked, specially trained, and equipped with a totally distinct office and other staff, complete with registrars, typists, doorkeepers, ushers and, of course, conciliation and welfare officials.

But this is not only wholly impracticable, it is also retrogressive and wrong in principle. When one talks of the commercial court, the divorce court, the companies courts, the bankruptcy court, or even, as some people do, the small claims court, one is not talking about separate piles of bricks and mortar, separate and exclusive jurisdictions. One is talking about separate lists of cases, hand-picked members of the general judiciary and served by specialist members of the legal profession.

Once this is appreciated, the fears of exaggerated increases in expenditure largely disappear, although, in proportion as magistrates yield jurisdiction to the county courts or the High Court, members of the legal profession will no doubt demand to be paid for legal aid purposes on current High Court or county court scale, rather than those appropriate to courts of summary jurisdiction. No doubt the extra cost would not be insignificant, but I believe that it could well be contained within the legal aid budget.

So, like most problems, the problem of the family court can be solved if it is broken up into its constituent parts and handled progressively over a short period of years, with a number of limited objectives in view, such as consistent pattern of jurisdiction, a rationalized appeal structure, amalgamation of High Court and county court work into a single system, with welfare and conciliation services progressively welded into a coherent whole and serving the purposes of all the courts involved.

Only one thing is certain. The problem will not go away and the sooner steps are taken to cope with it, the less intractable it is likely to become. The present Lord Chancellor is clearly sympathetic in this approach and one hopes that, at some time in the next 12 months, a decision will be reached.

however . . . Howard Jacobson

Bring on the bourgeoisie

You expect to miss something when you're out of town for the summer. One week of lead-free air, salt or farmyard, is usually all it takes before you start to recognize the first symptoms of what doctors studying the effects of holiday displacement shock on the central nervous system refer to as CRNF — chronic respiratory nostalgia for fumes. You catch yourself smiling at tractors with your mouth open. Or lingering on garage forecourts. Or picnicking in lay-bys on the A39 with your engine running.

As with malodour, so with metaphysics. The silence of the night, so intense you can detect the faintest snuffing of a badger, is wonderful to begin with, seeming to bear the promise of an eternal release. But soon the sound of the sea patiently sifting through shingle becomes a trouble to your sleep. What help will the sea be if your heart suddenly stops? You lie awake, tossing on your straw mattress, longing for the wailing sirens of the essential services, the reassuring cacophony of urban succour. Break your leg falling off a cliff in Cornwall and it might be hours before they get you to a hospital, fall off a cliff in London and they'll have you in plaster before you feel the pain.

And these are mere metaphysical cravings, spiritual injuries compared to your yearnings for those small city pleasures you normally take for granted: telephone calls, mail, evening newspapers, bagels, buses, bomb-blasts, unusual cheeses. You don't get good television reception in the country; you are not served by Italian waiters; you can have trouble picking up Radio 3. All this I am used to. I am able, now, to anticipate with some precision the degree to which I will feel bereft. But this year I have experienced a privation which has taken me completely by surprise and which, to be frank, brings the colour of shame to my Atlantic-spattered cheeks. This year I know, but I was taught never to dissemble — this year I am missing yuppies. South of the River yuppies, to be precise.

The point being that they don't come to the particular coast of Cornwall where I languish without

mail. I suppose this must have something to do with there being no wise bars here; no branches of Coutts or Cullens; no easy access to a computer, and no road along the coastal footpath to negotiate a BMW. How they know what isn't here — whether they simply sensed the vacuum by instinct, in the same way that the wretched honey-eater of Australia knows better than to waste his time flying to the Arctic — I cannot say. But they do not come and I miss them.

In the matter of dress I miss them especially. Inversely, as it were. Not so much for what they wear but for what those who come in their stead do. Pink towelling shorts, to take a random example, or ankle jewellery. According to my calculations 60 per cent of all wives and mothers currently holidaying in north Cornwall (100 per cent if they come from Steyney or Walthamstow) wear some sort of slave-girl adornment — it might be a gold chain, a bracelet of julu beads or Pacific Island shells, or just a rubber band — around their ankles. This figure would, of course, be much lower if my survey had been confined to yuppies. Odalisque voluptuousness is not an ideal to which yuppie women aspire, and even if it were I have a quiet confidence in their ability to adjudicate a jogging shoe or a Dr Scholl's orthopaedic sandal not conducive to the desired effect. You come to miss that kind of acidity.

Similarly, while still on foot-wear, I would not expect to see a yuppie, were one here, trundling a perambulator stuffed with screaming triplets up a cliffside in white slippers. Which eventuality is not to be dismissed simply on the grounds that yuppies are notoriously reluctant to squander their salaries on offspring. In light of the parenthetical example set by holidaying Families (Fecund Annoyingly Mobile Incredibly Low Income Earners) down here — "one more word out of you, you little sod, and you'll wish you'd never been born" — yuppie selfishness can look a becoming virtue. It will be good to see them again soon at any rate — Sarah and Simon — shod sensibly and unbewitched and childless, at the unusual cheese counter at Cullens.



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ISLAM IN BRITAIN

The Times has penetrated a little behind the Islamic veil this week, giving some public glimpses of its more private personality in Britain. It is important that it should be more widely known, which, outside interests are angling for influence, what trends are at work within the British Muslim community, and what in practical terms are the choices they have to make. It is wrong to imagine that the internal affairs of British Islam can be nobody's business but its own. The Home Office is wise to seek better insight for itself by commissioning research, and need not be coy about it.

Many of the most important principles are already clear. In the course of its history Britain has accepted various minorities into its population with varying degrees of tolerance. Some of them have been different in race, some in nationality and language, some in religion. In time they have taken their place in that general mixture to which the word "British" refers.

It must be hoped that this successful enrichment will occur again following the substantial migration from the Indian sub-continent to Britain in the last quarter of a century. It is easy to see signs which could make that process troublesome — the importing of virulent rivalries between factions in the country of origin, or between rival Muslim nations of the Middle East, the prospect that the impact of so very different cultures will harden attitudes and lead to communal tension.

The Muslim population of Britain, cautiously estimated at about one million, is the largest immigrant population, distinguished primarily by religion, since the influx of Irish Catholics from the mid-19th century. Assimilation of the Irish was not without its difficulties. Large-scale Jewish immigration also required a measure of patience on both sides.

One lesson can be taken from both examples: that the support of a separate cultural and religious identity acts as an important psychological and social prop at a time when families are most under stress. It allows the newly installed community to control,

over a period of time, the measured lowering of boundaries between itself and the rest.

Such support helps to reinforce the stability of family relationships, particularly between the generations. There is reason to think that the traditional pattern of West Indian family life was weakened in the course of that other recent movement to Britain, and that this has increased the problems of adjustment among the young black population here.

It is in the interests of society generally, therefore, as well as a requirement to be respected as a human right, that Muslims in Britain should be free to observe their religion and build a community life with institutions of their own. The new local mosque in the high street should not be seen as an alien intrusion but as a social and religious fabric that will enable them to graft on healthily to the British way of life.

It will necessarily require some compromises, however, based on a recognition that established British custom will make legitimate demands. Too much emphasis by them on the incompatibility of Islamic law, the *Shari'ah*, with British law, or even the belief that Britain can somehow be shut out altogether by closing the domestic front door, will endanger that essential adjustment.

Irish Catholics and East European Jews brought with them distinct ideas about family life, and religious disciplines. They learnt the art of practical compromise, keeping what was essential, accepting what Britain had to offer them; and contributing in return. Far-sighted leadership of those communities during their most difficult time of adjustment was undoubtedly the key.

A heavy responsibility falls upon the emerging generation of Muslim leaders in Britain. They must not force their communities to live too inwardly, nor to indulge in the ignorant fantasy — as encouraged by the rhetoric of some Islamic axe-grinders overseas — that Western culture is somehow spiritually broken and barren. It is not just a mistake because it is insulting; but because it would be a misjudgement from which great harm could come.

UNIONS ALIVE AND WELL

The Government could be forgiven for assuming that the dragon of trade union power had been slain. The union leaders stayed noticeably silent for most of this year's election campaign — in contrast to those of 1979 and 1983. And although the TUC had already extorted a heavy price for its co-operation — in the form of the pledge by Labour to reverse the Government's trade union reforms — there can be no doubt that union leaders well understood how little influence they now wield with the public.

That transformation has not resulted from the three steps of trade union reform alone. Economic and social change have been at least as important. The unions have found it difficult to respond to the sharp contraction of employment in heavy manufacturing, the growth in the service sector and the expansion of self-employment and part-time employment. Union membership has fallen by some 2.5 million in eight years. Increasing numbers of trade unionists are becoming home owners and share owners. There is a detectable taste for more individual independence and less collective solidarity.

The Government can derive satisfaction from what has been achieved. Trade union leaders have been forced to pay more attention to their members' wishes and to economic reality. As a result, the number of strikes over the last two years has been lower than for almost 50 years. Unions with moderate leaderships, such as the AEU and the EETPU, have led the way in negotiating long-term pay deals and no-strike agreements. As Mr Eric Hammond of the EETPU made clear yesterday, this has been achieved against opposition from both other unions and unimaginative managements.

But the vigour of Mr Hammond is only one sign that the picture of union power as always and everywhere on the retreat is misleading.

THE COLONEL'S NEXT FAMINE

Today's announcement of a new £1.4 million aid package for Ethiopia is a humanitarian response to the latest reports from the United Nations' World Food Programme that parts of Tigre and Eritrea in the north of the country are once more on the brink of famine. Following persistent drought and a plague of locusts, the agency has sent out urgent appeals to Western donors to forestall a catastrophe, albeit on a smaller scale, like that of 1984 and 1985.

The reports come at an unfortunate time for the regime in Addis Ababa. Ethiopia is about to declare itself a People's Democratic Republic. Thirteen years after overthrowing the emperor Haile Selassie, the ad hoc provisional military administrative committee, or Dergue, is to give way to a civilian national assembly, or Shengo, peopled by members of the Ethiopian Workers' Party who will ratify a new constitution next month.

In practice the new political system will consolidate the power of Colonel Mengistu and his colleagues, who will no doubt continue to run the same repressive Marxist-Leninist regime. The national assembly will have no more power than that of, say, Rumania. Even so, news of another famine will embarrass the regime by drawing attention to a major problem with which it has yet to come to terms.

Famines have long been a feature of Ethiopia. The country has suffered from policies that have been consistent only in their rejection of necessary agricultural reform. It is estimated, for example, that only 3 per cent of land suitable for irrigation is actually being cultivated. Of even more immediate significance is the fact that peasants — who make up

some 90 per cent of the population — are given no incentive whatsoever to produce surplus crops.

Those peasants who are not collectivized, and that means the great majority, cannot sell food outside their own villages because the price and transport structures necessary to operate a market do not exist. In consequence the country survives on subsistence agriculture and is prey to localized famine.

The exceptions to this rule are the army, which, at half a million strong, is the biggest in Africa, and the population of the cities. Unlike the peasants, the support of these two groups is necessary for the survival of the regime, and they are kept well fed with produce from collective farms.

Ethiopia's refusal to contemplate liberalizing its agriculture has exasperated Western donors to the point where they have withheld development aid until reform takes place. But while development aid may be withheld for ideological reasons, assistance to the starving is another matter. Both public opinion and common humanity demand that the West should offer assistance.

Neither is this policy necessarily to the West's disadvantage. The inability of the Addis regime or its Russian backers to handle famine without Western assistance makes a useful political point. It will not cause a switch in Ethiopian allegiance. Colonel Mengistu, who is very firmly in power, needs Russian arms to continue the fight against Eritrean secessionists, and also appears to have a personal antipathy towards the West. But the example will not be lost on other countries in the developing world.

Remaining doubts on Hess mission

From Mr James Leasor

Sir, I may be able to throw some light on questions raised in your obituary of Rudolf Hess (August 18) as to whether he was mad when he flew to Scotland during the Second World War, why no attempts were made to capitalise on his arrival, and why the Russians should have insisted on his imprisonment until his death.

As soon as news of the Deputy Fuhrer's arrival in Scotland became unexpectedly public, Mr Churchill realised that it was essential to discredit him as quickly as possible.

While Hess was actually flying to Scotland on the night of May 10, 1941, 900 tons of German bombs had fallen on London, destroying 700 acres within hours in the worst air raid on the capital.

War news everywhere was grim. Millions of tons of shipping were being lost; food was heavily rationed; many people were becoming dispirited and fearful of the outcome of the war. Should rumour spread against this sombre background that Hess had arrived with a genuine plan for peace, a substantial number of people would clamour that this proposition should be pursued further and with vigour.

Lord Beaverbrook told me in the 1960s how he and Mr Churchill walked through St James's Park, discussing the problem. Beaverbrook said that as a Canadian he believed that in Britain anyone who came under the care of a psychiatrist was immediately written off as mad. This could provide a quick way to discredit him.

Churchill agreed. Hess was put in the care, not of one psychiatrist, but several. They came to different conclusions — Harnoid, hypochondria, megalomania, but it was worth recalling that, according to Frau Hess, her husband left Hitler a note, to be opened in the event of failure, with the advice: "Simply say that I was crazy".

In September, 1941, Beaverbrook went to Mytchett Place near Aldershot, where Hess was temporarily incarcerated, arriving under a cover-name so the guards would think he was simply another psychiatrist. No one else was present in the interviewing room, but a concealed microphone enabled their conversation to be recorded by a stenographer in another part of the house.

Hess made it clear that Germany was willing to negotiate peace with Britain, providing that Britain would join Germany in attacking Germany's ally, Soviet Russia. Germany would have carte blanche in Europe. Britain would leave Iraq, but could keep her Empire. Hess prophesied that

"a Bolshevik victory" would, "sooner or later mean Russian occupation of Germany and the rest of Europe".

Staff at Mytchett Place had been screened for any pro-Nazi sympathies, but not for Communist allegiance. An unauthorised copy of the transcription of the interview was made. Within hours, Stalin knew what had brought Hess to Britain, and although Churchill did not entertain his ludicrous proposal, Stalin never forgot how different history might have been had the Prime Minister done so. At Nuremberg, Stalin had his revenge.

In 1961 I published a book about the Hess incident, *The Uninvited Envoy*, but the Official Secrets Act dealt harshly with many sensitive facts which have never been published.

Are these details in the documents your reporter says have been removed from the Public Record Office, or in the files that now are closed? Do you think we should be told? Yours faithfully, JAMES LEASOR, Swallowcliffe Manor, Salisbury, Wiltshire, August 18.

From Mr I. P. Kirkpatrick
Sir, Mr M. R. D. Foot should have consulted the sources before resurrecting the old story of "Hess's double". He might have written a far more entertaining article (August 19).

The leading source on Hess's identification is *Inner Circle*, by my late father, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick. In this, Sir Ivone describes how, having spent 1933-38 in the Berlin Embassy, he was asked by Cadogan to identify Hess.

Then we woke the prisoner up and, after a moment of dazed uncertainty, he recognised me and gave me a warm welcome.

The Duke of Hamilton of course could not identify Hess and, anyway, had insufficient German.

Sir Ivone, lent to the BBC in 1941, was the "BBC official", so strangely unidentified by Mr Foot. After being seriously wounded in the First World War he had run military intelligence in Holland; he was the UK High Commissioner for Germany from 1950-53 and Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office from 1953-57.

An imaginative person like Mr Foot could surely have made something of this to embroider his tale.

Yours etc, PETER KIRKPATRICK, The Old Parsonage, East Clandon, Surrey, August 19.

on political cases because they fear similar reprisals (italics mine). I am an advocate in private practice and I can say categorically that I know of no lawyer who has declined instructions in the so-called political cases for fear of reprisals nor of any lawyer who has been victimised because he has taken on such cases.

I acted for one of the defendants in the celebrated treason case in 1982 and at no time did anyone interfere with my conduct of the case. There is absolutely no substance in the claim by Amnesty International. Yours sincerely, R. O. KWACH, Amboseli Gardens, Lavington, Nairobi, Kenya, August 11.

Detention in Kenya

From Mr R. O. Kwach

Sir, Lord Gifford (August 7) refers to the report by Amnesty International in which it is alleged that Gibson Kamau Kuria was arrested and detained solely on account of his professional legal activities on behalf of political prisoners. But in fairness to the authorities it should be pointed out that in this particular case the Government took the unusual step of stating in detail the grounds for the detention, none of which referred to his activities on behalf of political prisoners.

Lord Gifford quotes Amnesty as reporting that as a result of the detention of Kamau Kuria lawyers in Kenya are now reluctant to take

Swedish justice

From Mrs Iwona Middleton

Sir, Your leader of August 11, questioning the quality of Swedish justice, suggests that the most serious criticism should be directed at the admissibility of hearsay evidence at the trial of Captain Hayward and, indeed, the admissibility of such evidence at all.

It is not enough, however, to base this criticism on the fact that such rules sound unsatisfactory to British ears. Nor is it sufficient to remind readers that hearsay evidence is admissible in a number of other courts in Western Europe.

Surely, it is absolutely vital to remember that we are talking about very different legal systems. Hearsay evidence is, as a rule, inadmissible in common law

maximum use of land and ploughing has taken place too near such areas, it is recognised in forestry circles that this is no longer acceptable. The revolution in forest design practised by Fountain Forestry in the Flow Country has not yet gained the recognition it deserves.

The suggestion that forestry in this barren area (on the drier land) will be unprofitable takes no account of some satisfactory forests that already exist, from plantings by the Forestry Commission after both the first and second wars, nor of the improved techniques now available. The criticism is also levelled that the locality is too exposed for good tree growth, but much of the land is low-lying and exposure will not be a limiting factor.

Knowledge and expertise exists on both sides, and if this cannot be used to produce integrated land use, maximising both forestry and conservation in the Flows, the way ahead is bleak indeed. Yours faithfully, E. H. M. HARRIS, Director, Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, 102 High Street, Tring, Hertfordshire, August 10.

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Soviet space aims may be harmful

From the Astronomer Royal and Sir Bernard Lovell, FRS

Sir, The articles by Keith Hindley (August 10 and 11) convey the erroneous impression that the Soviet plans for beaming solar power to Earth from orbiting platforms are part of a wide-ranging plan for the commercial exploitation of space. He suggests that the main application of the new Energiya launcher will be for projects such as large-scale mirrors for lighting cities and the transmission of solar power to Earth by infra-red radiation beams.

We believe that this is a naive interpretation and that the development of the new launcher should also be seen in military terms. Apart from the many practical difficulties of the space power systems, the economics of these projects are unfavourable; there must also be serious concerns about their effects on the environment.

The concept of collecting solar power by an orbiting satellite and beaming it to Earth by microwaves or infra-red radiation has been extensively documented, especially by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and other agencies in the United States. In these proposals each satellite system would collect between 1 and 10 gigawatts from an area of several square kilometres.

The radiation power density at the Earth depends on the size of the collector. Infra-red radiation from the satellite would be concentrated into a receiver covering a much smaller area than the satellite collector, giving a radiation power density of at least 10 kilowatts per square metre; not surprisingly, this is orders of magnitude greater than the safe limits accepted internationally for non-ionising radiation.

The population surrounding each collector would be protected from damaging radiation dosage by a safety zone; the effectiveness of this zone would depend on the maintenance of the beam direction from the satellite to an angular accuracy of better than one thousandth of a degree. The beam could obviously become a military weapon by steering the infra-red laser beam on to populated areas.

The commercial prospects of space power systems are unfavourable: the launch costs of Energiya per kilogram are too high by a factor of at least a hundred. A commercial scheme would require an Energiya launch every day for many years; the chemical effects on the atmosphere of such a programme are unknown.

Muslims in Britain

From Dr M. A. Zaki Badawi

Sir, May I comment on your August 17 article, "Hurd to order Muslims inquiry".

The accusations against me regarding policy were investigated and dismissed as false by the Mosques Council Committee. The Council of Imams and Mosques, which was established in April, 1983, by a conference of about 600 imams and mosque officials, is not a "Bareilvi" organisation: there are councillors from all other groups, including the Shia community. The Muslim College is a British-registered institution, bound by its statute to refrain from politics or sectarianism.

All Muslim countries are concerned to co-ordinate their assistance to religious institutions in the West. In his recent visit to Great Britain, King Fahd assured me in a private audience that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will advise its institutions to co-operate with all Muslim groups and with every project that might help the Muslim communities to settle in their new countries as good and loyal citizens, without the loss of their religious identity. Yours faithfully, M. A. ZAKI BADAWI, Imams & Mosques Council (UK), 20-22 Creffield Road, W5.

Tender trap

From Colonel D. G. Raschen

Sir, As a one-time military attaché in Sweden, I read Christopher Mosey's report today (August 15) of the proposed bachelors' romp above the Arctic Circle with keen anticipation.

May I issue a warning to the ladies who accept the invitation. My Swedish friends used to ask: "Why is northern Sweden in autumn the most attractive place in the world?" Answer: "Because a thousand million midges can't be wrong". Yours faithfully, D. G. RASCHEN, Coplow House, Shrivensham, Swindon, Wiltshire, August 15.

Road hog

From Mrs Dorothy Blundell

Sir, At 1.30 a.m. on August 14, while driving along the A40 near Chetwode, my headlights illuminated a hedgehog trundling across the road.

On becoming aware of impending danger, it did not adopt its traditional defence posture of curling up into a ball. Instead, it turned around and marched purposefully back to the footpath.

Does such a change from "traditional" hedgehog response mean that these creatures are (at last) learning to live with the motor car?

Yours inquiringly, DOROTHY BLUNDELL, 11 Grove Avenue, Norwich, Norfolk.

We would also need to examine the environmental impact of the overcrowding of the geostationary orbit with large structures, the effect of lighting up the sky by scattered sunlight, and the effects of beams of high-energy radiation intersecting both the atmosphere and lower satellite orbits.

If the Energiya launcher is indeed intended for power transmission, either for peaceful or for military purposes, there should be widespread alarm and concern. The treaty governing the activities of states in outer space treats specifically of potentially harmful activities. The renewal of proposals for space power satellites surely indicates that the appropriate international consultations have become an urgent matter.

Yours faithfully, F. GRAHAM SMITH, BERNARD LOVELL, University of Manchester, Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories, Jodrell Bank, Macclesfield, Cheshire, August 17.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 20 1855

Swaborg, a Russian fortress, set on seven rocky islets south of Helsinki, was bombarded by an Allied fleet in an attempt to bring pressure to bear on Russia to end the Crimean War, and to raise the morale of the British public.

ADMIRAL PENAUD'S REPORT

The Minister of Marine has received the following report from Admiral Penaud, giving details of the late bombardment in the Baltic:

"Toussaint, off Swaborg, Aug. 11.

"Monsieur le Ministre.— As I have had the honour to inform your Excellency by my letter of the 7th, Admiral Dundas and I presented ourselves before Swaborg with the combined squadron, with the intention of bombarding it. At half-past 7 in the morning of the 8th, 16 English bomb vessels, each having one mortar, five French bomb vessels having each two of these pieces, and a siege battery of four mortars of nearly 10-inch bore, which, during the six hours darkness of the two previous nights, I had established on the Islet Abraham at 2,200 metres from the place, opened fire against Swaborg. I am happy to announce to you, Monsieur le Ministre, that this operation succeeded perfectly; it was not only a simple cannonade which the squadrons have made against Swaborg, it was a real bombardment, the important results of which have exceeded my utmost hopes. In less than three hours after we had begun to throw shells we could observe that they caused considerable damage in the fortress. Numerous fires rapidly broke out on several points at the same time, and we soon saw the flames rising above the dome of the church situated in the northern part of the island Est-Swato. That building, however, was not touched, and it may be said to be the only one on the islands Vargon and Swarto which was respected by our projectiles.

"The bombardment ceased this morning at half past 4; it consequently lasted for two days and two nights, during which time Swaborg presented the appearance of a vast fiery furnace. The fire, which still continues its ravages, has destroyed nearly the whole place, and consumed storehouses, magazines, barracks, different Government establishments, and a great quantity of stores for the arsenal. The fire of our mortars was so accurate that the enemy, fearing that the three-decker which was moored across the channel between Swaborg and the island of Back-Holmer would be destroyed, had brought into the port during the night...

"The enemy's forts returned our fire very vigorously, and did not slacken it until the moment of the explosions abated, and the precision of our long range guns gave us an incontestable superiority over those of the Russians... I am perfectly satisfied with the means of action placed at my disposal. The mortar vessels and gun boats rendered immense services, and they fully realised everything that was expected from them... In this affair, as under every other circumstance which has taken place since our flags have been united, Rear-Admiral Dundas and I have acted with common accord... Every one has only one object — to rival each other in zeal, and cause the enemy the greatest possible mischief, and the success of a vessel of one of the two nations was applauded by the other with the same cries of enthusiasm as if it had been gained by its own flag. Doubtless, Monsieur le Ministre, the bombardment of Swaborg will exercise considerable influence on the Russian people, who have now acquired the conviction that their fortified places and their arsenals are not completely sheltered from the attacks of the allied navies, which may and must hope to be able to deal destruction on the enemy's coast without suffering any very considerable injury themselves...

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BALMORAL CASTLE
August 19: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Orkney and was present at a special service in St Magnus Cathedral.

Her Majesty travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Ruth Lady Fernoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of York will attend the charity premiere of *Beverly Hills Cop II* at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square, on October 8 in aid of the Sportsman's Aid Society. The Princess Royal, President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a gala concert at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on October 8 given by the Royal Marines Band and Budget Salterton Male Voice Choir.

A thanksgiving mass for the life of Jonathan Lewis, OBE, founder of Zebra Trust, will be held at St Eithreda's, Ely Place, Holborn Circus, EC1, at 6 pm, on Tuesday, September 8, 1987.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.N. Somerville and Miss T.M. Foulkes
The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Brigadier Sir Nicholas and Lady Somerville, of Deponford Cottage, Greywell, Hampshire, and Tanya, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Foulkes, of Park View, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.C. Arkell and Miss E.A. Evers
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Arkell, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David Evers, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr A.O. Bell-Irving and Miss F. Reid Scott
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Captain and Mrs John Bell-Irving, of White Hill, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Major Alexander Reid Scott, of Mr Alexander Reid Scott, of Scotland, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Mr M.J.S. Clark and Miss S.C.G. Hill
The engagement is announced between Miles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Wallace Clark, of Upperlands, Co. Kerry, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Terence Hill and Mrs Hill, of Enagh, Co. Kerry.

Mr R.C.R. Forsyth and Miss C. Lind-Jackson
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.S.A. Forsyth, of Cyst Hydon, Devon, and Celia, younger daughter of the Rev P.W. and Mrs Lind-Jackson, of Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

Lieutenant D.N.M. Milo and Miss S.H. Fryer
The engagement is announced between David Milo, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Fryer, of Welland, Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr O.D. Stogdon and Miss S.C. Collier
The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Stogdon, of Winton, Dorset, and Suzanne, younger daughter of Mrs N. and Mr J.H.J. Westlake, of Edgworth, Birmingham, and Helen Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.R.R. Butler, of Amesham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.G. Wakefield and Miss W.M.J. von Gerard
The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of the late Mr Alan Wakefield, and Mrs Jean Wakefield, of Port Appin, Argyll, and Wendy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. von Gerard, of Sutton, Surrey.

Mr P.J.F. Westlake and Miss H.S. Butler
The engagement is announced between Piers John Francis, son of Dr and Mrs J.H.J. Westlake, of Edgworth, Birmingham, and Helen Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.R.R. Butler, of Amesham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.N. White and Miss L.L. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Robert Noel White, BSc, younger son of Mr and Mrs N.H. White, of Beverley, North Humberside, and Helen Lucy Harke, BVMed, MRCVS, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.D. Clarke, of Naphill, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages
Mr M.R. Bridge and Miss B.J. Wright
The marriage took place in Wiltshire, Somerset, on Monday, August 17, of Mr Michael Bridge to Miss Becky Wright.

Dr J.H. Sheridan and Miss A. Gwynne Jenkins
The marriage took place on August 15, at Truro, between Dr Hugh Sheridan, son of Professor and Mrs John Sheridan, of Beaumaris, Anglesey, and Miss Ann Gwynne Jenkins, daughter of Dr B.A. Lloyd Jenkins, of Truro, Cornwall.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the USA, 1809-93; North Bend, Ohio, 1833; Raymond Poincaré, president of France 1913-20; Bar-le-Duc, 1860.

DEATHS: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, London, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1908; Bad Hornburg vor der Höhe, 1915; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, murdered, Granada 1936; Leo Trotsky, murdered, Mexico City, 1940.

Russian troops invaded Czechoslovakia, 1968.

Dinner

Marylebone Cricket Club
The Lord Mayor of London, Sir David Rowe-Ham, and the Sheriff of London, Sir John Eves, presided at the Eve of the Bicentenary Match dinner given by the Marylebone Cricket Club at Guildhall last night. In the absence of Mr M.C. Cowdrey, President of the MCC, Mr G.H.O. Duggart, Treasurer of the MCC, was in the chair. Lord Home of the Hirsel proposed the toast "MCC and cricket". The treasurer replied and proposed the toast "The Guests of the Club", to which Mr C.H. Lloyd, Manager of the Rest of the World side, replied.

Archaeology

Evidence of forgotten ritual

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Excavations at the Cotswold hillfort of Crickley Hill have revealed a set of curious features that may reflect a lost ritual more than 4,000 years old.

Consisting of bare polished rock platforms and several sets of pits, the features are almost devoid of finds, and thus difficult to date with precision.

The discovery came during the 19th season of excavations at Crickley Hill, which overlooks the Severn valley, near Gloucester. An area lying between those investigated in 1978 to 1981, on the "central knoll" of the hilltop was stripped, and several features found in the 1978 investigations were found to continue.

The platforms consist of areas of the local limestone, possibly levelled up, which have been polished by the wear of innumerable feet over a period of years. The areas have no clearly defined edges, although fires were lit on them in places, and their density of finds was only 4 per cent of that in the neighbouring neolithic village area, suggesting careful sweeping.

Dr Philip Dixon, of Nottingham University, the director of the excavations, feels that this cleanliness makes them unlikely to be house sites. Phosphate testing is being carried out to see whether activities such as cremation were carried out on the platforms: several pits in the vicinity have yielded fragments of burnt human bone.

The fires were not lit in formal hearths, but were more like bonfires, Dr Dixon said. The problem with the phosphate survey, which detects organic materials, is that "background noise" from medieval sheep grazing and later rabbit warrens needs to be filtered out to see if any prehistoric activity is demonstrated.

Four parallels are known in Britain for this concentration of apparently ceremonial behaviour, although the circles of pits found at the Irish megalithic site of Newgrange a few years ago, and also dated to around 2000 BC, may reflect similar preoccupations on the part of the ancient inhabitants.



The renaissance of British studio pottery and the centenary of the birth of its greatest exponent, Bernard Leach, are celebrated on four Royal Mail stamps to be issued on October 13. The 13p stamp features a Bernard Leach vase.

Science report

Siesta 'guards against heart disease'

By Beatrice Lacoste

A regular afternoon nap may be one of the best safeguards against the early development of coronary heart disease.

That conclusion, an alternative explanation for the comparatively low incidence of coronary heart disease in Mediterranean countries, has been suggested by doctors working in Athens.

Previous studies attributed the health of the Mediterranean countries largely to a diet low in saturated fats with the use of vegetable oils and milk rather than animal fats and richer dairy products.

However, the latest research provides an additional factor. It shows that at least a third of the improvement in heart disease over their more northerly neigh-

bours may come from taking a siesta as much as from a less fattening diet.

Indeed, the doctors hint that early risers will definitely benefit if they catch up on their sleep by taking an afternoon nap.

The Greek research team, at the Evangelismos Hospital, Athens, observed in a multi-variate analysis of 97 male heart patients and 90 male control patients, that a half-hour daily siesta may be related to a third reduction in the incidence of coronary heart disease.

Four heart disease patients traced out to be shift workers and they were excluded from the study because it has been shown that shift work is linked to heart disease.

Other social habits associated

with heart disease such as heavy drinking, smoking, over-weight and a high level of cholesterol in the bloodstream, were taken into account so as to avoid any sort of diet.

The researchers found that although the correlation between duration of night sleep and the rate of coronary heart disease is not significant, by contrast there is strong evidence that afternoon sleep lasting at least 30 minutes reduces the incidence of heart disease in one third of cases.

However, it was stressed that the results should be interpreted with caution because this is the first study and the results are based on small numbers of cases.

Source: *The Lancet*, vol II, p. 269.

OBITUARY

MR CLARENCE BROWN

Establishing Garbo as a star

Mr Clarence L. Brown, American film director, died on August 17, at the age of 97. His name will always be associated with that of Greta Garbo, whom he directed in seven pictures.

But during a long association with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer he proved himself a director of versatility, who could handle spectacle as well as drama, and comedy as well as high romance.

He was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, on May 10, 1890. He graduated from Tennessee University with a degree in electrical and mechanical engineering, and served as a flying cadet in the US Army during the First World War.

He fixed motorcycles, sold motorcycles, then went to Hollywood where he got a job as assistant to the French director Maurice Tourneur. He acknowledged a great debt to Tourneur, with whom he worked for seven years.

He joined MGM in 1924, staying there until the 1940s. Early efforts were the Gold Rush classic, *The Trail of '93*, and *The Eagle*, in which he exploited his own skills.

The turning point in Brown's career came in 1926 with *Flesh and the Devil*, in which Garbo, still a comparative newcomer to Hollywood, was to play opposite the studio's most flamboyant screen lover, John Gilbert.

It was a difficult assignment. The story was melodramatic and trite, while Gilbert viewed the temperamental Garbo with suspicion. Brown handled the pair with admirable tact, and the film was an immense success. In 1929 they again worked under his direction in *A Woman of Affairs*.

With the arrival of talking pictures, new reputations were made and many old ones destroyed (Gilbert himself was an early victim). The task of making Garbo's first talking picture fell to Brown.

This time the story gave him greater help. It was an adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's play, *Anna Christie*, and Garbo, appearing in drab and tattered clothes in a dreary waterfront saloon, uttered her first screen words - "Gimme a visky".

Brown's silent films had helped establish Garbo in the public mind as a woman of strong sexuality. Their later talking pictures, including the Tolstoy story *Anna Karenina*, and *Conquest* (released in this country as *Marie Walewska*), added to her screen image the dimension of the tragic heroine.

One of the better of his many films was another O'Neill adaptation, *Ah! Wilderness* - a gentle and nostalgic study of American small-town life at the turn of the century, with Lionel Barrymore, Wallace Berry and Mickey Rooney.

Less successful was the transference to the screen, in 1939, of Robert Sherwood's anti-war play, *Idiot's Delight* - described by one critic as "a garbulous muddle" - with Norma Shearer making one of her final appearances in the cinema.

In 1944, MGM decided to film *National Velvet*, Enid Bagnold's best-seller about the mystical relationships between young English girls and horses. Brown directed it, and dozens of the English refugee children then evacuated to North America were tested for the leading role of Velvet Brown, the 12-year-old who wins the Grand National.

on a horse she has won in a raffle. Many things might have been different, perhaps, if the part had gone to the future Shirley Williams, who was one of the unsuccessful candidates. In fact it went to a violet-eyed child called Elizabeth Taylor, who never looked back.

Brown had reconstructed part of the Grand National course in Hollywood. MGM had a runaway success with the picture. Later, he made *White Cliffs of Dover* with the same young actress.

He also worked with Joan Crawford (*Chained and The Gorgeous Hussy*); Clark Gable (*Romance*); Spencer Tracy (*Edison the Man*); and James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr (*Come Live with Me*).

Brown's films were meticulously planned and executed, and he controlled every important detail, from lighting to musical scoring. He was at his best with atmosphere and least assured with dialogue; and though his films often err on the side of sentimentality, they are thoroughly human.

Two later films - *The Yearling* (1947) and *Intruder in the Dust* (1950), a statement on the racial issue, in the United States - are touching works, though old-fashioned and plodding. He retired soon afterwards.

Long after Garbo had retired from the cinema, Brown visited her in New York with the suggestion that she should make a return to the screen, and he proposed that they should re-create their first success together, *Flesh and the Devil*. Garbo was interested, but production difficulties arose and the idea came to naught.

DR CRYSTAL BENNETT

Dr Crystal Bennett, OBE, FSA, First Director of the British Institute at Amman, and whose work over almost three decades did much to lift the Edomites from the obscurity of Biblical commentaries, died on August 12. She was 68.

She was born on August 20, 1918, at Alderney in the Channel Islands, and was educated at a Bristol convent and at Bristol University where she read English.

During the war she worked in the Ministry of Supply, and afterwards became personal assistant to Lord Marks. She studied at the Institute of Archaeology in London, the archaeology of the Western Roman provinces and of Palestine. Her first excavations were in this country - on a Roman villa at Cox Green near Maidenhead, and a Romano-British temple near her home at Bruton.

She made brief diversions to excavations at Mycenae under Lord William Tylor, and to Neolithic Knossos under Professor John Evans - archaeologists whose influence she acknowledged. Her first foray in the Near East was in the final season at Jericho in 1958, then at Petra and, later, at Jerusalem. Thereafter, Jordan became her digging ground.

Her main excavations in the region were at the Edomite sites at Umm El-Biyara in Petra, and at nearby Tawilan. The largest site tackled was Buseirah, probably to be identified with the Northern Edomite strong-point Bozrah, where palatial and temple buildings of the eighth to sixth centuries BC were uncovered on the acropolis.

Some of the most interesting finds of these seasons included a seal of the Edomite King Qasabir, at Umm El-Biyara; the first cuneiform (wedge-shaped) tablet (of the Achaemenid period, written in Hattian) to be found in Transjordan; and a collection of gold jewellery of the sixth to fifth centuries BC from Tawilan.

The most significant aspect of her results for Biblical studies was to find little trace of occupation pre-dating the eighth century BC at any of these sites. It is hoped to publish final reports on all these sites.

On behalf of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities she

also excavated the Citadel of Amman, principally in the Byzantine and Umayyad levels.

Crystal Bennett was Director of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem from 1969 to 1980. She overcame the problems of living in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem while excavating in Jordan, but at cost of considerable emotional and physical energy.

In 1980 she became director of the newly established Institute in Amman, a post which she occupied with distinction until her retirement in 1984. She was vice-president at the time of her death.

Crystal Bennett brought energy, style and humour to her work. She encouraged and assisted many younger archaeologists. Her courage in the field was as great as her nervousness as a lecturer.

Away from the field, she took an active interest in the work of St John's Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, and was a Member of the Order of St John's of Jerusalem.

Her marriage, in 1940, to Philip Roy Bennett, ended six years later. She is survived by a son.

MR DAMBUDZO MARECHERA

Dambudzo Marechera, the Zimbabwean novelist, author of *The House of Hunger*, *Black Sunlight* and *Mindblast*, died in hospital in Harare on August 18. He was 35.

His novels dealt with racial and individual deprivation and alienation in both pre- and post-independence Zimbabwe. But his own life was as tormented as anything he described on paper, and his outlandish behaviour undoubtedly helped to weaken his constitution, making it an easy prey for the pneumonia which ended his life.

He was born in the small town of Rusape, one of nine children of a lorry driver and a nanny, and brought up in poverty. He began writing, he said, in reaction to the gulf he saw between his own condition and the life he read of in his English schoolbooks.

He attended the University of Rhodesia, but was expelled for taking part in a riot over alleged under-payment of black domestic staff on the campus.

He went next to Oxford, but his claustrous provided no haven for his hypersensitive nature. He resented what he saw as the "effortless guardsmen" doing the minimum, while the impassioned loquacity of his own essays provoked the yawns of his tutor.

MISS ZOFIA TERNE

Miss Zofia Terne, in her day a popular Polish singer and actress, died in London on August 17, aged 78.

She was born at Rowne, in south eastern Poland, and received her musical education at the Academy of Music at Lwow (now, Lvov in the Soviet Union).

After graduation, she moved to Warsaw where she soon became one of the most popular singers of pre-war Poland, appearing frequently on stage and in films.

During the war she was in Russia where she joined the newly-formed Polish Army under General Anders.

Later on, throughout the Middle East and Italian campaigns, she marched with the Polish troops, sharing



found life no more palatable than it had been under the white regime. His next novel *Black Sunlight*, was banned by the Zimbabwean censors in 1982, on the grounds of its obscenity, though its chief fault was that it was no more charitable to the regime than *The House of Hunger*, had been to its predecessor.

Marechera's life appeared increasingly to pass out of his control. He slept by day and wrote by night, drinking himself senseless at dawn. He was jailed in Berlin where he tried to attend a writers' festival without a passport, and was again incarcerated at the Harare book festival of 1982. He was also detained by the Zimbabwean Central Intelligence Organization in 1984 when its agents overheard him disparaging the government to a Dutch television crew.

His unrelenting assault on his own health prevented him from writing as much as he might have done, and his gifts were those of the realist rather than of a great imaginative artist. But he will be missed in a country desperately in need of objective internal criticism.

MR NOBUSUKE KISHI

Dr Margaret M. Burton writes:

In my obituary (August 10) of Mr Nobusuke Kishi you mention that he "launched a vigorous economic offensive in South-East Asia".

At that time, 1957, the nations of South-East Asia, including Australia and New Zealand, had no links with Japan, and were still full of hatred and bitterness against her, following their wartime experiences.

Mr Kishi, with the backing of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and several Senators, embarked on what was called "the statesmanship of the humble heart", visiting nine nations that Japan had occupied or threatened.

In each of these he publicly apologized for his country's actions during the war.

Law Report August 20 1987

Flat-sharing and protection under the rent Act

Hadjilovcas v Crean
Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Mustill and Sir Roulavyn Cumming-Bruce [Judgment July 29]

The question whether a shared occupation of a flat with each occupant having an individual agreement with the landlord created a joint tenancy to which rent Act protection applied was a question depending on the true contractual effect of the agreements against the factual matrix relevant to that exercise in accordance with the ordinary rule of construing an agreement.

It was not a correct application of the dictum of Lord Templeman in *Street v Mountford* ([1985] AC 809) to say that since the occupation of each occupant was not exclusive

it was therefore not a tenancy. The Court of Appeal accordingly allowed an appeal by the defendant Isabelle Crean, from a decision of Judge Tibber sitting at Edmonton County Court on May 14, 1986 granting possession to the plaintiff, Demetris Hadjilovcas, and remitted the matter to the county court.

Mr Andrew Arden and Mr Terence Gallivan for the defendant; Mr Neil Mendoza for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that in November 1984 the defendant and a Miss Broderick entered into an agreement described as a "licence" with the plaintiff whereby they agreed to share a furnished flat at 41

Endymion Road, Finsbury Park, London, for six months. The agreement was in a proforma-style document with the particular details of the individual agreements completed in manuscript.

The defendant and Miss Broderick had an agreement each providing for a monthly payment of £260 but for individual payments "monthly licence rental" of £130 each. In December those figures were erased and £260 inserted.

Miss Broderick left the flat after two months and was replaced by another lady who stayed there until the agreement expired in June 1985.

Towards the end of June the defendant together with a friend asked the plaintiff whether he

would grant a new licence on the expiry of the old one. The plaintiff said he could do so at an increased rent. The defendant said she would not sign a further agreement until she had had the rent assessed in a court.

The plaintiff said that in those circumstances she had to leave on the expiry of the agreement. The defendant remained in the flat and the plaintiff sought possession.

The judge had to address his mind as to whether the defendant was a tenant or a licensee. Applying the criteria which he considered to be found in the speech of Lord Templeman in *Street v Mountford* (at p.826) he held that the occupation was not exclusive and was therefore not a tenancy.

However, that part of Lord Templeman's judgment had to be viewed in the context of a single occupation where exclusive possession was conceded. The expression of intent that the rent Acts should not apply on the part of the tenant was held not to negative a tenancy based on exclusive possession.

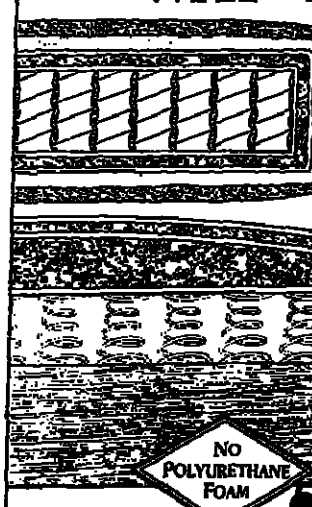
From the authorities it was clear that the correct approach to be adopted by the court in "non-exclusive" cases was to inquire into the true contractual effect of the agreement, eliminating any artificial provisions. An example was the way in which Lord Templeman in *Street v Mountford* dealt with the expressed intention to avoid rent Act protection but acknowledged that "the rent Acts must not be allowed to alter or influence construction of an agreement".

The effect of Lord Templeman's speech was to say: First, that in each case the contractual relationship had to be established from the construction of the documents involved against the factual matrix relevant to that exercise in accordance with the ordinary rules of construing an agreement.

Second, that in considering

Court of Appeal

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THE ARTS

Killing habit

The country's chief complaint about the town is that the latter does not understand it. Weekending urbanites, or those who retire to smallholdings, bring with them a romantic baggage quite at variance with the harsh actualities of rural life. This, suitably paraphrased, was the view of the central character in *The Poacher* (Channel 4), a necessarily shy man whose anonymity was nicely preserved by being filmed from the collar-bone down.

It takes a romantic to complain about the romanticism of others, and the poacher — after some chippy comments about wealth and privilege — fell into the trap of presenting himself as an elemental creature who was only satisfying his primordial instincts. In fact he is a highly

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specialized thief, casing the coverts during the summer and training up his lurcher with long bicycle rides for the start of the season, when he slips out at night to blast snoozing game from the trees.

The opposition was also canvassed. A conservation-minded landowner tut-tutted over an ancient man-trap as though poachers were an endangered species; his gamekeepers took another view. One wonders how the camera team would have reacted had the subject of their film been caught in flagrante, maybe they had marked his card for the night. They had already proved that if you wish to make a gritty, realistic documentary about country life you should avoid the lush places and keep the flute music under control.

It did not require a shot-gun to get the protagonist of *Screenplay First: See You at Wembley* Frankie Walsh (BBC2) to the altar — but one might have helped. The set-up of this romp, written and directed by Mark Herman, was a passable Bresson-type idea that was rammed into the ground. Matlock clearly wanted to marry Carol; he also clearly wanted to see Hull City FC contest the semifinal of the FA Cup on the same afternoon. The bride's mother was suitably peeved. The chief bridesmaid changed into football-fan togs in a phone-box. The best man was locked out wearing a bath-towel. The bride's father was breathalysed on his way to church. It was very like a comedy.

Martin Cropper

Proving that war is hell

CINEMA

Hamburger Hill (18)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue

Swimming to Cambodia (18)
Screen on the Hill

Ping Pong (PG)
Metro

Hollywood continues to fight Vietnam in the friendly Philippines. Korea had Lewis Milestone's *Pork Chop Hill* (1959); now Vietnam gets John Irvin's *Hamburger Hill*. The theme and the irony of the two films are practically identical: in each a brave little unit battles day after day to win a strategic piece of high ground; after enormous sacrifice of life, the terrain is declared to be of no strategic value.

The writer James Carabatsos can claim the same sort of authority as Oliver Stone (*Platoon*), writing from his own bitter memories of Vietnam service as a 20-year-old. Unfortunately his script manages to assemble the most garish unit that can ever have served in South-East Asia; and, for all the advantages of first-hand knowledge, the film turns out as a war movie of very conventional mould.

Scenes of violent action alternate with periods of respite, when the characters behave like all film soldiers — whoring, cursing, crying, bawling, dreaming over letters from faithful sweethearts and silently suffering over "Dear John" valedictions from the unfaithful, cracking up and getting over it, carrying the race war to the front lines, talking endlessly. There are all the familiar scenes of the induction and baptism of fire of new recruits. Their dialogue and behaviour so conform to convention in fact that it is difficult to differentiate them, apart from one or two of the main characters.

Much of the writing is crudely obvious, like a scene where the reading of a sappy letter from a loved one is intercut with bawdy comments on a *Playboy* centrefold. The fighting is shown with brutal realism: men die with great outpourings of sentiment (their comrades') and special-effects entrails (their own). The object is to shock: to show that war is hell and, piously, to commemorate the forgotten fallen.

The film has none of the moral questioning that underlies *Platoon*: these soldiers never ponder either why they are there or why the Vietcong are fighting them. Indeed, they admit their professional admiration for "the little men"; their real hostility is reserved for a behind-the-lines news-



The pity of war in *Hamburger Hill*; and (below) Spalding Gray telling his tale in *Swimming to Cambodia*

reel crew, and even more for the college kids and other long-haired liberals back home.

John Irvin, whose previous credits include *Champions*, *Turtle Diary*, *Raw Deal* and the television *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, can claim as his own credentials that he shot a documentary in Vietnam when he was about the same age as the soldiers in the film. Peter MacDonald's photography is very handsome, but that is not enough to offset the confusion of the action scenes.

There is no predicting what will work on the screen. The producers of *Swimming to Cambodia* evidently had a hard time raising the small budget needed, since nobody could be convinced that a monologue delivered by a man sitting alone at a desk could be wholly compulsive screen entertainment — which the film in the outcome proves to be. Everything depends of course upon the man.

Spalding Gray is 46 years old, balding and perfectly ordinary, but for a slightly nutty gleam in the eye. He is however a mesmeric raconteur, who for the past 10 years has toured North America, Europe and Australia with a series of autobiographical monologues.

Swimming to Cambodia began as a three-hour, two-part theatre show. For the film Gray has refined it to 87 minutes. He relates the tragic history of Cambodia under Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, and the comedies of recreating it for the film of *The Killing Fields*, in which he played a small role as aide to the American ambassador.)



hierarchies of film units, the curious skills of Oriental prostitutes, vivid evocations of drug hallucination, and how to deal with noisy neighbours. Yet there is a shrewd plan and structure to it all. You bring away the impression of a wise, witty, enquiring man, speaking from his own well-placed viewpoint on the universe.

The screen version was directed by Jonathan Demme, who, apart from providing punctuation with momentary dimming of the light, and musical

interpolations by Laurie Anderson, only intrudes when it is positively helpful. There are extracts from *The Killing Fields* to provide witty illustration to Gray's self-deprecatory descriptions of his acting; and there is quick cutting to dramatize the dialogue which Gray recalls between himself and a drug- and sex-crazed nuclear weapons operator whom he encountered on a train.

The title of *Ping Pong* refers to the complaint of the heroine, a beautiful Chinese trainee solicitor with an unmistakable London accent, that she is batted back and forth like a ping-pong ball. The theme of the film is the cultural schizophrenia that is inevitable in London's Chinatown, where Chinese restaurants are staffed by Italians, young Chinese cultivate the style of the English gent, and the budding lawyer cannot read the language of her clients.

The story revolves around the death of a rich Chinatown merchant. The mystery of his death turns out to be no mystery at all, while the complicated conditions imposed by his will prove to be his way of posthumously redressing the cultural imbalance in his own family. Among other things he obliges his sons to rediscover their lost cultural roots by taking his body for burial home to mainland China.

The director, Po Chih Leong, has a pleasant sense of comedy and a refreshing touch of fantasy, notably in the apparent ghostly interventions by the departed.

I am sorry for last week's slip in putting "Goldoni" for "Colloidi" and thus attributing strange and anachronistic paternity to wooden-headed Pinocchio.

David Robinson

Epic control of tensions

FESTIVAL OPERA

Khovanshchina/
Carmen
Olavinlinna

Nothing has done quite as much to put Finnish music and music-making on the European map as the Savonlinna Opera Festival. To prove in its 75th year that all Baltic roads lead to that open-air courtyard in Olav's Castle, the festival has been extended by a further week in order to invite international companies to wave their own flags.

Next year's guests will be the Beijing Central Opera; this year it was the turn of the Estonian Theatre. They brought with them Boris Pokrovsky's production of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*. All that was needed to transform the Nordic castle into the walls and towers of Red Square were three huge bells, a cupola or two and a handful of candles; the slow setting sun and a biting wind straight from Siberia did the rest. London audiences have recently had a taste of Pokrovsky's way with Mussorgsky for the *Kirov* *Boris*. The success of *Khovanshchina* lay in its determination to restore the space and focus the logic and power of the opera's drama tightly amidst the span and chaos of the history it portrays.

The focus was very much on history as social phenomenon. And it was just this sense of rolling movement, one step forward and two back, of tension between ebbing power and flowing revolt, which Pokrovsky so powerfully set up. Clanking chains became an extraneous leitmotiv; the director's assistants had obviously worked long and hard with the movement of the crowd; and, with blood-curdling laughs, cries and hymning echoing from the backs of so many Estonian throats, their control of pacing and event was every bit as potent as that of the baton at Eri Klas.

The Khovansky was Teo Maiste. His first "Spasibo!" was a whirlwind to the Streltsy; by Act IV the world had become a cringing whine and, as he crossed himself just before his murder, his image echoed the earlier one of the Scribe. The latter, in the person of Rostislav Gurjev,

was a gerbil-like creature of squalid terror with a tenor as piercing as Maiste's bass was reverberant. Compared with the boldness of their profiles, the Galitsin of Kalju Karask and the Shaliov of Väina Paura were very much supporting roles. And so was Marika Eensalu's Maria: the tortured violence of her swooning never caused quite the shudder it should.

It was Leonid Savitski's Dosifoi who, together with the massive force of Streltsy, Old Believers, servants and soldiers, held the balance of power. His was a bass to stop you in your tracks, the labials rolling down his throat like holy oil, the librettist Stasov's "deep spirit" resonating from the body and soul of this Savonlinna figure. As the Orthodox cross became a Calvary, and the Calvary a funeral pyre, it was Savitski's silhouette which remained as a symbol of the ironic strength of the production.

A day later, the walls of Moscow were transformed into the ramparts of Seville. With festival posters to help, the local travel agent had been doing a brisk trade in packages to Lanzarote and Madrid, and that was about the level of this *Carmen*. Arne Mikik, directing, and Eldor Renter, designing, had set out strenuously to prove the geographical authenticity of the exercise, and little else beside. The Finns were quite snooty about the whole affair: "What we were doing the Fifties," said one, "just like a musical," said another. With soldiers poised on the battlements ready to hurtle down the steps whenever a scrap threatened, and with Michaela (Helvi Raamat) looking like Julie Andrews in search of a stray goatherd, they were just about right.

This is the sort of risk that Walton Grönroos, Savonlinna's new director, is going to find himself up against. Despite a memorable recital of Mussorgsky, Rachmaninov and Sviridov from Yevgeny Nesterenko, Grönroos wants to reverse the trend towards decentralization and diversification set up by his predecessor, Ralf Gothof, and to focus once again on opera and on Savonlinna itself. A new concentration of both mind and resources will be a timely challenge: Savonlinna's core repertoire is in danger of becoming stagnant, and a festival cannot live on passing exotica alone.

Hilary Finch

Too exposed

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Homage to Diaghilev
Playhouse

The programme which Nureyev and Ballet Théâtre Français are giving at Edinburgh is concerned with more than just dancing. There are scores which were composed to Diaghilev's commission by Stravinsky and Poulenc; there are designs by Bakst and Benois and Marie Laurencin; there is choreography by Fokine, Nijinsky and his sister Nijinska.

The biggest draw is *Perushka*. This production by Serge Golovine is well balanced in its effects, although I have seen all the minor roles better done, by this company as well as others. However, Adeline Charpentier gives the ballerina doll an apt, vivid glamour, and Nureyev's account of the title part is still masterly in its comprehension, expressiveness and compassion.

For some of us *L'Après-midi d'un faune*, Nijinsky's only surviving ballet, is an

even richer experience. After the much more explicit sexuality that has become commonplace in the theatre during the 75 years since its premiere, it is surprising that this study of animal longing, set in a hot, antique world, still has power to move and to shock. For that, credit must be shared between the ballet's creators and its greatest modern interpreter, whose intense feeling for the role manages to preserve its erotic charge.

When he first appeared in the West, Nureyev was compared to Nijinsky by, among others, the latter's former partner, Karavina. At the time, it was the physical quality of his movement that struck most people; but the continued comparison comes from the fact that these two men were the superb interpretative male dancers of this century. An audience which saw Nureyev only in these two roles would have cause for gratitude, but *Le Spectre de la rose* is another matter. The problem here is that the meaning is conveyed entirely through the virtuoso dancing.

A few years ago, Nureyev danced this role better than anyone else I have ever seen. The fact that he no longer jumps so high can easily be forgiven. But the nature of the choreography here exposes, more cruelly than any other ballet, an unstretched knee in



Nureyev, the greatest modern interpreter of *L'Après-midi*

grands jetés, a need to force his pirouettes and thus lose smoothness. Also, presumably because he is having to concentrate on the struggle with his body, the marvellous control, pliancy and timing of his hand and arm movements suffers. Nureyev does himself and the ballet no service by persevering with this role; there are others enough which he can still illuminate.

The one ballet in which he does not appear is *Les Biches*. This satirical comedy of the 1920s is splendid stuff, and so

rarely done that one has to grab any chance to see it. But the present Ballet Théâtre Français cast (Isabelle Bourgeois alone accepted, stylish although too young-looking as the hostess) is not a patch on those they have shown before. Also having only nine women instead of 12 as the guests of this house-party plays havoc with Nijinsky's choreography.

The Scottish Philharmonic Orchestra is just about adequate. No conductor is named.

John Percival

Visual magic

Michael Kohlhaas
Lyceum

James Saunders's two-act play, dramatised from the essence of a story by Kleist, is that rarity in modern theatre, a revenge play. Though the obsession with his grievance puts him among his confrères of Jacobean drama, Kohlhaas differs from them in being no princely malcontent, but a perfectly ordinary *burgerlicher* horse-dealer from Saxony. Perhaps not perfectly ordinary: that absolute desire to find a just order in the world suggests someone not entirely even-keeled. But if the Junker von Tronka's steward had only treated the two black horses properly, or the Junker had not scorned Kohlhaas's courteous protest at their ill-treatment, bloody rebellion would not have shattered the simple 16th-century village of Kohlhaasenbrück.

The play was written in 1972, but its story, based on true events, takes place in the century of revenge plays: Martin Luther makes an appearance, bidding the horse-dealer love his enemy, but Christianity, if that is what it is, leaves Kohlhaas unimpressed. His unwavering pursuit of justice embeds the character in the tradition of Jewish heroes (cf. if I may so, Shylock), and the Cameri Theatre of Tel Aviv,

performing the play in Hebrew, unmistakably present him as a congenial spirit. The onward rush and zest of the first act rouse the original Kohlhaas in us all, for who can deny it is thrilling to upset an enemy?

Uncluttered by sub-plot, the compass of the scenes rapidly enlarges as Kohlhaas (a performance of bull-like stardom from Joseph Carmoon) raises an army to pursue the fleeing Junker. The brilliantly effective backgrounds (designer: Ruth Day) change from the quiet family home to Wittenberg besieged, to Saxony at war, to all Central Europe. Kohlhaas now leads an army of cloak-wearing skeletons while violent music changes from the pit and a wagon of skulls is dragged across the bare white sky.

This astounding image — with Kohlhaas tipping into madness — closes the first act, and nothing in the second half is as intoxicating. But the production, Brecht-inspired, by Ian Kosen, continues to find the uniformly black-clad company into tableaux of hard-edged beauty, frequently silhouetted against the white void. Closing my eyes at the end of that sentence, I find the images almost as distinct in memory as in the theatre.

Jeremy Kingston

Marivaux's play *Infidelities* opens at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, next Tuesday for a six-week run (with previews from tonight). William Gaskill directs the play in his own translation, which had its first airing at the Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, earlier this year.

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The little boy sitting directly in front of me was certainly captivated, probably as much by Tchaikovsky's orchestral colouring as by the ideas themselves.

At the other end of the concert were excerpts from Shostakovich's socialist-realist ballet *The Bolt*, composed in 1931, before the *Lady Macbeth* storm. The story concerns a factory worker prone to drinking who is

sacked and plans revenge by throwing a bolt, as it were, into the works.

There was little subtlety to be found here, as the heavy brass quickly made clear. But Rozhdestvensky delighted in the witty grotesqueries of the "Dance of the Bureaucrat", with its off-key trombone contributions, and in all the clichés with which the music is deliberately riddled.

Between such dances, what better than the eloquent song of Prokofiev's First Violin Concerto? Rodney Friend, though perhaps not technically beyond criticism, was alive to the character of the music to an extent that made him a perfect ambassador, the impulsive stamping of his foot at particularly demanding moments in the first movement apart.

Stephen Pettitt

BOOKS

Hoover was no Mr Clean

Peter Ackroyd looks at the life of the man who was no more than a front-porch bigot, but wielded more power than Presidents

When novice agents of the FBI met J. Edgar Hoover for the first time, they were ordered to attempt one of only three standard greetings which had "been tested hundreds of times and nothing ever happened". If the famous Director happened to be standing on a box six inches high (one of his more recondite customs) "pretend you never even notice it". Servility on such a grand scale seems worthy of an Imperial court — which is perhaps what it was since, as Powers asserts in this excellent biography, "the public rewarded Hoover with more power, longer, than any other political figure in American history". And yet how was it possible for this somewhat absurd figure, with the face of a bulldog and the manner of a Lutheran pastor, to attain such significance?

Longevity helps, of course; if there is one tradition more sacred than youth in America, it is old age. Edgar Hoover was born in 1895, a late Victorian, in what was then a small town Washington where the most enduring values were exclusion of the immigrant and disdain of the negro. Hoover never abandoned this front-porch bigotry, and indeed half his success derived from the fact that for most of his long career he seemed to be living in the wrong period. His was never the world of Castro and Martin Luther King but rather the earlier one of Emma Goldman and Marcus Garvey — that unhappy black leader being "the first he had destroyed".

Hoover's rise to such fatal eminence was swift, and he passed in easy stages through law school, the Justice Department, the Alien Enemy Bureau until in 1924 he was appointed to the post which he would hold until the end of his life. From the start he evinced those qualities which allowed him to maintain his power — he was meticulous, determined, ambitious, always ready for "intense preparation and study" but, perhaps most importantly, he evinced "a pleasure in organisation for its own sake". He was the bureaucrat as artist, who took as much pleasure in shaping the FBI as ever Norman Rockwell did in his paintings.

But it is just as significant that Hoover's work in the Twenties was concerned with the extermination of "the Bolsheviks", since it meant that from the beginning he was able to

SECRECY AND POWER

The life of J. Edgar Hoover

By Richard Gid Powers
Hutchinson, £16.95

sketch moral lessons for the populace — his task was not simply to arrest criminals or expel "aliens" but to place these benighted creatures in the vast political theatre of which he was the sole manager. As Powers suggests, "the FBI has always been as concerned with morality as with law, with sin as with crime" and one aspect of Hoover's massive organisational skills lay in his ability to "reduce complex problems to understandable dramas of crime and punishment".

But first this intense, reserved, secretive figure somehow had to project himself into the arena of "symbolic politics", and he did so by emphasising those very qualities of efficiency and control that had ensured his success. Order and discipline became the metaphors for his fight against evil and chaos. As a young man he had called Sunday-school a "crime-prevention laboratory", and throughout the rest of his life he managed to combine science and piety in a manner worthy of L. Ron Hubbard.

So it was that in the Thirties this heady concoction was directed against notorious gangsters, when Hoover's "G-men" often made literal mincemeat out of each succeeding "public enemy number one". This provoked such films as *Let 'Em Have It* and *Show Them No Mercy*, and has been called "the machine-gun school of criminology", but perhaps it can best be seen as a script for the kind of moral drama that all nations need in order to preserve their identity. Certainly it was by these means that Hoover was able to acquire the authority he needed to prosecute a war against public enemies who could not be numbered in single figures alone: it is no exaggeration to state that, in the late Forties and Fifties, Hoover by his own efforts destroyed the American Communist Party.

But *Secrecy and Power* is by no means a quasi-liberal indictment of Hoover in the



usual leaden tones. The book emphasises his intelligence and his courage but, more significantly, it reconstructs the social and cultural climate in which he operated: that there was a strong possibility of Communist subversion after the War is not really in doubt, for example, and there can be equally little question that it was Hoover's duty to investigate and to forestall such subversion.

The real difficulties arose when Hoover decided that certain American presidents were also potential enemies of the United States, although what evidence he possessed would not readily have been accepted in any earthly court. He thought that he served "the dictatorship of the collective conscience" but he was in fact a lightning rod for the rage of the Christian traditionalist against secularism and liberalism in any of its heterogeneous forms.

This made him uniquely ill-equipped to

deal with the emergence of what Powers call the "new America", a difficulty amply demonstrated both in his feud with the Kennedys and in his campaign against Martin Luther King. Where others saw the poor and the dispossessed, Hoover glimpsed subversives; where liberals demanded social reform, he requested covert action. In fact his schemes unravelled in the Sixties when his orders for domestic surveillance against black activists and anti-war groups were exposed, leaving him the more and more forlorn defender of values which no one except his detectives seemed to share. As Powers says, he was a man of "intelligence, dedication, sacrifice and a sophisticated sense of public relations" but in his seventies that latter capacity became the victim of a moral outrage which really belonged to another era. And so in a sense this is the biography of a man who never grew up — a portrait of Hoover himself but also the portrait of a nation which, when it buried him in 1972, buried a bulky part of its past.

A friend in need

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

A FRIEND FROM ENGLAND
By Anita Brookner
Jonathan Cape, £9.95

Anita Brookner's novels have tended to revolve around one female character, usually single and often in a period of transition. This woman may have difficulty in fitting herself into the society she finds around her, but she has no problem at all in putting others in their places. She is unflinchingly perceptive, unflinchingly judgmental and unflinchingly sentimental or humorous except where they relate to herself. In *Family and Friends* Miss Brookner extended her range over four siblings, and the result was less a cohesive novel than four interlinked novellas; in *A Friend from England* she has returned to the old formula, tried and true and, I fear, tired.

A Friend from England is a bleak little book. It deals with pettiness and small-mindedness, unrelieved by any spark of spontaneous feeling. Admirers of Miss Brookner — and I was second to none when her earlier novels appeared — may relish the precision with which she delineates a cast of characters that nonetheless remain drab and unlovely; the finely-calculated rhythm with which she presses home familiar themes; the balanced elegance of the writing. But even if the novel is to be seen exclusively as a parable (there is a specific reference to the Prodigal Son's brother, the only direct mention of the envy that corrodes the book) the sheer improbability of the plot is hard to swallow. While the setting appears contemporary, I doubt if the most adorning nuclear family, however co-coined in money and suburbia, could remain as unaware of the realities of modern life as the Livingstones seem to be.

Oscar Livingstone has won so much on the pools that he can afford to indulge his wife Dorrie and their only child Heather in all their material desires. Their life is humdrum but contented, secure in the love of a loyal family, and Heather is a model daughter, running her fashion boutique during the week but holidaying with her parents in their flat in Spain and coming home for tea every Sunday. They are observed by Rachel Kennedy who, orphaned and unattached, is fondly included in the weekly gatherings. Having no sense of her own worth Rachel seeks a reason for such kindness, and adopts the role of elder sister, imagining that "Dorrie looked to her, as a true adult, to induct Heather into the finer mysteries of life." And this, with monstrous condescension, she prepares to do.

For Rachel is a monster. She plays life out in a series of roles, depending on her audience, and assesses other people on the strength of their performances. Being obsessed with herself, she has a very clear vision of her own qualities; she has measured her

limitations and, she believes, has taught herself to live with her Freudian fear of water, her inability to heal her self-esteem after a wounding affair and her subsequent refusal to commit herself emotionally.

Revealingly, she sees herself as a dandy and a courtesan, admitting appetite but not desire; the only object she admits to loving is her bookshop. She has opted for neutrality.

For all her intelligence, Rachel is unaware that Heather embodies much of what she has suppressed in herself. In terms of transactional analysis Heather is the free child, instinctive and unintellectual, while Rachel has had to adapt to the harshness of life, learning anxiety, depression and guilt and resolutely denying anger. She bitterly resents the fact that Heather possesses



Anita Brookner

nurturing parents, caring, supportive and permissive, and sets herself up as the critical parent, evaluating and setting limits: she alone can recognise the unsuitability of Heather's child-husband, she must take it upon herself to prevent a similar mistake. The only hint of her true lack of comprehension is her frustration at Heather's "opacity," and her puzzled acknowledgement that in the end, such women seem to triumph. Rachel has trained herself to "give away nothing that she couldn't spare," her bookshop, perhaps, not containing Robert Graves' warning that

Those who can give nothing are left with less than nothing.

Rachel's fate, despite her final confrontation with Heather, is to "put up the sign saying CLOSED on the door and simply disappear"; it is Heather who escapes up the Calle de la Vida.

As a study of "envy, malice and all uncharitableness" or a tract on the true nature of friendship, *A Friend from England* is masterly, but it is diminished as a novel by too many false notes in the narrative, and is curiously dull. Yes, she has measured her

The mugs game

O wad some Power the giftie give us
To see ourselves
as others see us!

ART

Marc Jordan

THE PORTRAIT IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA

With a Biographical Dictionary of Portrait Painters 1680-1914
By Robin Simon
Phaidon, £60

Until recently the job of the portrait painter has been to show us as we would like the world to see us, and as we more than half believe ourselves to be. Most of the artists in Robin Simon's book traded with more or less skill in visions of female grace and glamour, or male nobility and power. Some, like Reynolds, could extend the flattering repertoire of face painting beyond polish to intelligence, or, like Watts, to spirituality. A very few, like Hogarth, could give the whole tradition in the interests of humanity and warmth.

At the core of *The Portrait in Britain and America* are two successful essays which attempt to explain how portrait painters moulded the rough clay of humanity to achieve these ends. Mr Simon is clearly most familiar with the two centuries between the death of Van Dyck in 1691 and the death of Sir Thomas Lawrence in 1830, when the Grand Style ruled throughout the Old World and was eagerly imitated, often with unexpected results, in the New.

Pose played an essential part in the presentation of a portrait sitter, just as posture, the graceful and easy disposition of the body, played such an important role in polite society. The repertoire was surprisingly limited: Van Dyck, whose prestige remained undimmed right up to the time of John Singer Sargent, was imitated again and again. And Van Dyck, as Mr Simon points out, himself adapted many of his aristocratic glamour from his beloved Titian and from Raphael, 18th-century artists,



Joseph van Aken: Study for Norman 22nd Chief of Macleod

above all Reynolds, turned also to the authority of the sculpture of classical antiquity in a search for dignity and a sub-text of learned allusion. But how many of us today will recognize unaided by Mr Simon the Apollo Belvedere beneath the tattered trows of Alan Ramsay's *Macleod of Macleod* or relish the gentle humour of Wright of Derby's young *Master Wood* leaning on his cricket bat in the pose of the Farnese Hercules?

Revealing too, is Mr Simon's discussion of the practice of the portrait painter's studio. Much was sheer grind, though the financial rewards could be high. Kneeler claimed to have had as many as 14 sitters in a day. Reynolds, who kept careful records, usually had between four and six. Often the sitter was needed only for the painting of his face, an obvious advantage in a busy social round. The figure with its costume and accessories could be painted from a dummy or a miniature lay-figure — hence the doll-like quality of Gainsborough's early portraits, for instance. Many portraits were not even finished

in the artist's studio but sent out to a professional drapery painter, like the admirable Joseph Van Aken, who worked for all the fashionable portraitists of mid-18th-century London, supplying poses and costumes from stock patterns.

Far less happy is the larger aim of this book to treat its subject on both sides of the Atlantic up to 1914. Mr Simon's account of the development of portraiture in Colonial America, and its complex interaction with painting in England, is sketchy and does not address seriously the possibility of strong links with Paris and Amsterdam as well as London. The 19th century is virtually a black hole between the disappearance of Lawrence and the emergence of Whistler and Sargent.

Equally unsatisfactory is the biographical dictionary of portrait painters working in Britain and America that makes up half the book. There is clearly a sharper, slimmer, and less expensive book on 17th- and 18th-century British portrait painting struggling to get out of this over-ambitious venture.

"The best and most talented poet of our epoch" were the words with which Stalin resurrected Vladimir Mayakovsky, who had shot himself in 1930 when he realized that he could never become the new regime's poet laureate. The posthumous fame to which the poet was sentenced by the tyrant's encomium has been described by Boris Pasternak as his late friend's "second death".

The shrine of Mayakovsky, erected by Stalin once the poet was safely buried, had remained an empty fixture of literary propaganda until Khrushchev's "thaw", when three young poets appointed themselves guardians of the sacred flame. What Yevgeny Yevtushechenko, Andrei Voznesensky and Robert Rozhdenskiy divided amongst themselves was not only the reliquary of Mayakovsky's poetic technique, but this uneasy relationship with the regime as well.

In his youth, Mayakovsky had been an innovator of genius whom Pasternak, for one, regarded as his teacher. By the 1960s, however, what survived of "Mayakovsky" innovation was little more than a certain theatrical attitude, characteristic of Futurism and other literary movements of the period. As for the uneasy relationship with the regime, this too was essentially a theatrical device, employed to romanticize the

Toeing the line

POETRY

Andrei Navrozov

AN ARROW IN THE WALL: Selected Poetry and Prose

By Andrei Voznesensky
ed. by William Jay Smith
and F D Reeve
Secker & Warburg, £14.95

actor by dressing him in the garb of martyrdom.

Actually, as a matter of historical reality, the costume did not even fit Mayakovsky himself: his last years were those of a cunning timeserver, anxious to anticipate the tyrant's every whim while striking the Promethean pose of a poet-rebel. To see similar poses struck by Yevtushechenko — not to mention the less prominent members of the neo-Mayakovskyian pleiad — is a little like watching country bumpkins striving to imitate a court jester. What talent they have is spent on manoeuvring between privileges and principles.

Pussies galore

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

PAPA, PLEASE GET THE MOON FOR ME

By Eric Carle
Hodder & Stoughton, £7.95
FRED
By Posy Simmonds
Cape, £5.95



Moggies have a caterwauling hoe-down, in honour of Fred

Eric Carle is best known for *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, that classic picture book in which the little creature eats his way through holes in all the pages until, at the end, he turns into a butterfly. Since the book appeared in 1969 much of Carle's work has been disappointing, but with his new "moon book" he returns to the unstudied playfulness that made *Caterpillar* so enjoyable.

What happens is that Monica desires the moon. Papa therefore gets a ladder — whose size requires two pages to be folded out to double their width. This ladder he then perches on top of a mountain and stretches up to the moon (single vertical flap). Papa climbs up (huge quadruple-page-opening of a shimmering gray full moon), but has to wait till it has waned somewhat before he can carry it down (another vertical flap). Monica can then play with it until it wanes away to nothing, only to reappear, waxing large, back in the night sky.

The po-faced nonsense of these events, and the big dramatic page-unfolding, make the book a jolly toy, undiminished by Carle's heavy painterly collages. It certainly has a character beyond such other novelty books of the year as Mark Burgess's

flaps in the pages. As a token of a burgeoning new movement in picture-book publishing, however, the book has also been separately published in dual-language versions, including Vietnamese (*Ingham Yates Associates* £5.95).

As we might guess, Posy Simmonds needs none of these novelty-trappings for her first venture into picture books, a memorial to Fred, a cat celebrated for his extreme somnolence. However, the night after he has traversed the great cat-flap to the sky the children discover his fellow moggies preparing a funeral service for him that would have done honour to Tim Toldrum himself. For apparently, far from being a total doze, Fred was a famed performer with a band called The Heavy Sausers and all the Cats (and some of the mice) of the locality turn out to give him the wail of a send-off.

The story is told cartoon-style with a close-fitting, nicely hand-lettered text. The drawing is terrific — whether of two lonesome children saying "Poor Old Fred", or a congregation of cats mewing the last rites. Such graphic ease is beyond the need of colour, but the colour that has, of necessity, been added in is itself a joy. Lucky Old Fred.

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★ FOLLIES: Sonheim's musical, in London at last, has Diane Rigg and Julia McKenzie leading a starry cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm. Wed and Sat 3.45-5.30pm. £10-20.

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Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview on tonight, 7.45pm. Mats 4pm, press night Aug 25 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. £5-10.

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Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-528 6785). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. 7.30-10.30pm. £5-15.50.

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OUT OF TOWN

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Newbury Theatre, Baginbun, Newbury (0635 46044). £5.50-£5.75. *Sold out*.

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★ STRAT

Bae team will plead for more space funds

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Aerospace is mounting what it sees as a last-ditch campaign to keep Britain in space.

It is to lobby the Government for a bigger national investment in space research, and has established a team of senior staff to consider what Britain's role in space should be.

The company, frustrated by the apparent unwillingness of the Government to support research and development, aims to convince ministers of the need for more spending.

The team of six will be led by Mr Peter Conchie, Bae's Director of Business Development, and has been ordered to produce its recommendations within two months.

That report, listing projects needing government funds for research, will be the core of a presentation to be put to a new government committee set up under the Prime Minister's chairmanship, which plans Britain's future research and development policies.

British Aerospace, like other companies concerned with space projects, had hoped that the British National Space Centre's own Space Plan would have been discussed openly and acted upon before now.

Yet the document, which the centre submitted to the Government a year ago, has remained in a file marked "top secret" in the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Government rejected its main recommendation, that expenditure on space research be increased from about £112 million a year to more than £300 million a year.

It also cut off present expenditure, a move that led to the resignation of Mr Roy Gibson, the Space Centre's director, leaving the British space programme effectively rudderless.

Meanwhile Britain's partners in the European Space Agency, who contract out work connected with space projects, are to meet in November to plan their space programmes.

Contracts are awarded according to the amount of funding provided by each country. Britain, which contributes 12 per cent of total European expenditure, gets 12 per cent of the work.

Now, however, Bae is worried that the cutting off of funds may reduce that figure, endangering the jobs of more than 2,000 highly specialized scientists and technicians working for the company in Stevenage and Bristol.

Mrs Thatcher has urged industries to put up their own money or to persuade City investors to provide more cash for space projects.

Bae says, however, that long-term projects are shunned by investors because some of those may not yield a return for 30 years or more.

Britons ordered to leave Saudi Arabia

By Howard Foster

The 29 British nurses, businessmen and engineers held in custody for three days in Saudi Arabia have been ordered to leave the country.

They were arrested in Jeddah by police who raided a late-night party at which alcohol and drugs are alleged to have been found.

The first of the Britons may be flown from the Middle East today, according to the National Guard Hospital in Jeddah, where the 11 nurses were employed. One of the 29 is being held until his employer can be found but is expected to be expelled soon.

Diplomatic sources said yesterday that the Saudi Arabians had been extremely offended by the party at the Sharbatly Village compound.

One source in London said: "There are very clear indications that the Saudis are very upset."

"It was a very large gathering. Alcohol and marijuana were available and there were a large number of single ladies there with men who were not their husbands."

"It was a noisy, public party which stepped over the mark. The Saudis do not like this sort of thing and they chose

their moment and raided it at the right time.

"They had obviously been watching what was going on."

The ultimate penalty for drinking alcohol could have been public flogging and there is relief among Western embassies that the Saudi authorities have decided to defuse the situation by ordering the alleged offenders out, as they did with 35 medical staff after a raid on an illegal drinks party in November last year.

There is particular relief that the drug-taking has not led the Saudi authorities to make examples of any of the party-goers.

A total of 87 foreigners were arrested at the party last Saturday, including Americans, Filipinos and 25 Canadian air hostesses, on contract to Saudi Airlines, who have also been ordered to leave the country.

During their detention, the arrested Britons were held at the Ruwais jail, where conditions are regarded as unpleasant.

The detainees, who were visited frequently by employers and British consular staff, say that they were treated fairly and well looked after.

High-tech combine harvests a revolution



The M-F 38 combine harvester brings high technology to harvesting in Lincolnshire where it is being tested (Photograph: Chris Harris).

A revolutionary combine harvester, which takes farming into the computer age, went on trial yesterday on a farm near Grantham in Lincolnshire.

The 12½ ton machine, the largest conventional combine to be manufactured in Europe or North America, is equipped with the most advanced technology.

An electronic vision system monitors and logs machine operations, providing the operator with a constant picture of the volume of grain being harvested.

The combine, which can cut a swathe up to 22ft wide, is being tested by Massey-Ferguson, the tractor manufacturer, for possible sale in Britain.

It has been developed at a cost of £4½ million by Dronningborg, the Danish firm, and, if successful, will sell in Britain at a cost of more than £80,000.

In Denmark it is known as the

M-F 38 and has achieved an output of up to 25 tonnes of grain per hour.

The electronics system is designed to maximize both the efficiency and quality of harvest while making the task of the operator as simple as possible.

Performance data is shown through graphic illustrations on a 9in screen mounted at eye level in front of the driver, who can also obtain a print-out.

Information on any malfunction will automatically cut in on the screen.

"User information" computer software provides the operator with recommended machine settings for individual crops and conditions.

Cab and control technology has also been developed to provide high standards of comfort and convenience to keep the driver fresh and relaxed over long periods.



Driver Andrew Garrad watching the electronic monitoring screen.

Parents pray for last two babies

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Medical staff were struggling last night to save the two surviving septuplets in Liverpool after another two of the babies died within a few hours of each other.

Five of the children have died since they were born prematurely to Mrs Susan Halton last Saturday in spite of the efforts of a large team of specialists. The remaining two were said to be "very poorly".

Yesterday brought the deaths of two girls, Christy, who weighed only 17 ounces at birth, and her sister Erin, who was two ounces lighter.

Mrs Halton, aged 27, and her husband Neil, aged 29, were said to be "very deeply distressed".

They are staying close to the surviving babies, a boy and a girl, at the intensive care unit of Liverpool Maternity Hospital.

The septuplets, Britain's first, were 15 weeks premature and all suffered serious lung defects.

Of the four girls and three boys, one of the boys died within 25 minutes of the caesarian delivery.

Specialists using sophisticated life-support and monitoring equipment sustained the others throughout last weekend, but on Monday morning one of the girls, Leah, who had weighed 20 ounces, died.

Early on Tuesday a second boy, Liam, also died. He had weighed 1lb 10½oz.

The babies were the result of treatment with fertility drugs received by Mrs Halton, who had tried for seven years to have a child.

She and her husband were said yesterday to have "nothing but praise" for the medical team.

Nine doctors and more than 50 nurses have been working in shifts to provide constant care at the unit.

A spokesman for the couple said: "While trying to come to terms with their profound grief, their thoughts and prayers are directed towards Laura and Kane, their surviving children."

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Left opposes 'Lib-Lab pact'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Leaders of the initiative to unite hard and soft left factions in the Labour Party who are trying to head off any leadership attempt to seek a pact with the Liberals, are hopeful they will receive the support of more than 60 of the 229 Labour MPs.

They pointed out yesterday that more than 40 MPs in the hard Left Campaign Group and another 27 in the Tribune Group who backed the call for a joint slate with them for this year's Shadow Cabinet elections, were likely to line up to stop the leadership taking the party further to the right.

The new group, backed by signatories from both the soft left Labour Co-ordinating Committee and the harder left Labour Left Liaison, are seeking

to end the division in the left which has endured since Mr Tony Benn contested Labour's deputy leadership against Mr Denis Healey in 1981.

Mr Marc Wadsworth, a leading black sections campaigner and one of the signatories of a statement launching the initiative in today's Tribune newspaper, said yesterday that the Shadow Cabinet elections had proved it was a myth that leading Shadow Cabinet figures had been waiting for an influx of left wing MPs at the election to be liberated from the domination of the centre right.

They were in fact content to go on being dominated.

"If they want their exit certificates to the Alliance

then they should tell party conference and we'll gladly wave them goodbye and get on with socialism," he said.

But he denied that the organizers of the group, who plan to stage a meeting at the party conference backed by Mr Benn, Mr Ken Livingstone and Mrs Joan Ruddock, were seeking to undermine the Kinnoch leadership.

"This is about a programme of back to basics socialism, not about emblems or symbols."

Leading Shadow Cabinet members see the grouping as a genuine attempt by the Left to find common ground and regard the presence of Mr Galloway and Mrs Ruddock as significant.

Tankers sweep through Gulf

From Marie Colvin, Dubai

Three refuelled Kuwaiti tankers escorted by US Navy warships swept through the Gulf at daybreak yesterday, led by a frigate.

The convoy followed in a line so straight that it left only one wake.

The formation is evidence of the fear of mines. The Iranian have shown since the escort operation began last month that they can plant mines almost at will and on very little notice. No mines have been found in the first reaches of the Gulf where the convoy passed yesterday, morning but the United States seems finally to have learned to expect the unexpected.

After clearing the Strait of Hormuz, the convoy was met by mine-sweeping Sea Stallion

helicopters from the USS Guadacanal, the helicopter assault ship that entered the Gulf at the weekend and on Tuesday cleared the sea lanes through which the convoy passed yesterday.

The Americans seem also to have adopted the Royal Navy's practice of maintaining radio silence in the Gulf. In earlier runs, the American warships constantly gave their positions over the radio, making it easy for any eavesdropping Iranian to spot them. The airwaves were silent during the convoy's progress yesterday.

The three tankers in this third US convoy are liquid gas carriers the Gas Queen and the Gas Princess, and the petroleum carrier Townsend. Three more tankers will be

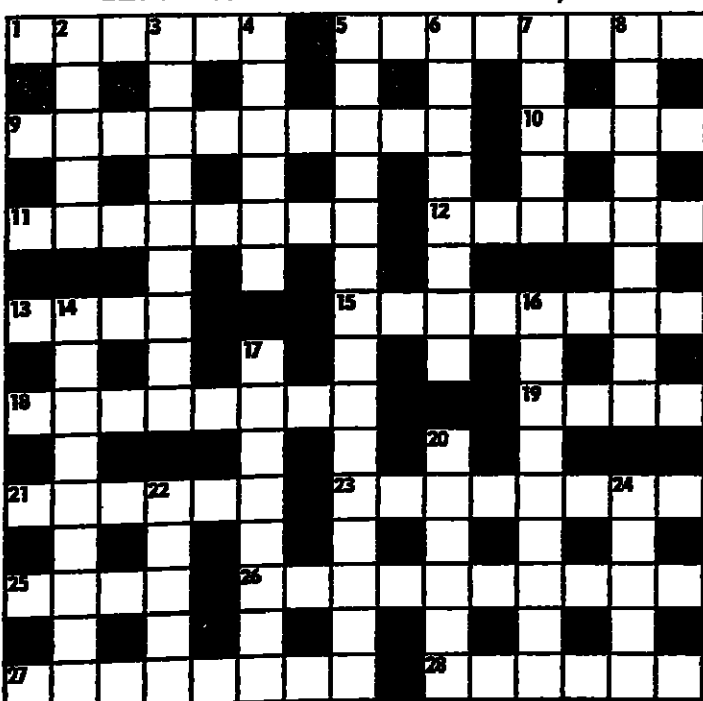
refuelled by the end of the month.

Despite the secrecy surrounding the convoy's movements, all eyes in the crowded Gulf monitored it. Some of the watchers included an Iranian frigate trailing it by about two miles, scores of passing wooden fishing boats, and a Soviet warship that has been observing the Guadacanal since her arrival.

It was a quiet beginning to the 600-mile journey to Kuwait. The more dangerous part of that journey is yet to come.

Although US officials refuse to comment, the three warships escorting this convoy are expected to pick up three other refuelled tankers in Kuwait waiting for a protective escort back through the Gulf.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,440



- ACROSS**
- In other words, they wrecked a cutter (6).
 - It's touching when an entertainer gets a little money (8).
 - Supports little chap by sewing (10).
 - Give up without one flourish (4).
 - Revealing Rossini's libretto? (8).
 - What a waste to cut the Army! (6).
 - It's essential to laugh a happy laugh (2-2).
 - An uncommon sight - two artists with one girl (4,4).
 - Fred, Pam and I could make an explosive mixture (8).
 - Buffalo Bill retiring about Dec 1st (4).
 - Put on weight, and looked older (6).
 - Certainly not, therefore nothing comes in (8).
 - Invent a bomb (4).
 - Characters who aren't with it are for it (2,3,5).

- DOWN**
- Look in heaven and hell for the man of God (3,5).
 - Children are left here to crib (6).
 - Ornament, of course (5).
 - Presume to say good-bye (4,5).
 - Colleague turns up - but not the right entrance (6).
 - Father had potato mashed without delay (2,3,4,2,1,3).
 - Name boat after a fish (4,4).
 - Here we'll be in insular surroundings (5).
 - Don't worry about unpleasant people, Edward (5,4).
 - Hit back - it could become excessive (1,3,5).
 - City road (9).
 - Blake bit baboon (8).
 - Knocker - it's in a lot of pain (6).
 - Leave one's bed and dress (3-2).
 - Carnies, perhaps, that eat everything they have put in front of them (5).

Concise crossword, page 8

WEATHER

A front will move slowly over the north and west of the British Isles. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start cloudy with outbreaks of patchy rain, but this will gradually be replaced from the west by clearer weather, with a mixture of bright or sunny spells and one or two showers. The rain will finally clear the east coast of Scotland by late afternoon. Northern and western England and Wales will have a rather cloudy day with a little rain or drizzle at times. The rest of England should have another very warm day with sunny spells, though there may be a few heavy showers or perhaps even a thunderstorm later in the day. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: becoming rather cloudy with showers or longer spells of thundery rain.

ABROAD

MONDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sh, shower; t, thunder.					
Algeria	27	81	Madrid	23	91
Alexandria	28	88	Manila	28	88
Athens	29	84	Moscow	12	54
Bahamas	28	88	Mumbai	28	88
Bahia	28	88	Nairobi	28	88
Bangkok	28	88	Norfolk	28	88
Bombay	28	88	Osaka	28	88
Buenos Aires	28	88	Paris	28	88
Calcutta	28	88	Rangoon	28	88
Canton	28	88	San Francisco	28	88
Cebu	28	88	Singapore	28	88
Colon	28	88	Sydney	28	88
Dacca	28	88	Taipei	28	88
Dahomey	28	88	Tokyo	28	88
Dar es Salaam	28	88	Yokohama	28	88
Delhi	28	88			
Dhaka	28	88			
Durban	28	88			
Harbin	28	88			
Hong Kong	28	88			
Kobe	28	88			
Kuala Lumpur	28	88			
Lahore	28	88			
London	28	88			
Lyons	28	88			
Manila	28	88			
Medan	28	88			
Mexico City	28	88			
Mumbai	28	88			
Nairobi	28	88			
Osaka	28	88			
Paris	28	88			
Rangoon	28	88			
San Francisco	28	88			
Singapore	28	88			
Sydney	28	88			
Taipei	28	88			
Tokyo	28	88			
Yokohama	28	88			

*denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

Sun Rain	Max	Min	Wind	Sea
London	1.1	28	20	68
Edinburgh	1.1	28	20	68
Belfast	1.1	28	20	68
Cardiff	1.1	28	20	68
Manchester	1.1	28	20	68
Newcastle	1.1	28	20	68
Nottingham	1.1	28	20	68
Sheffield	1.1	28	20	68
Sunderland	1.1	28	20	68
Swansea	1.1	28	20	68
Torquay	1.1	28	20	68
Wrexham	1.1	28	20	68
York	1.1	28	20	68

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.54	5.5	—	—
Alford	11.54	5.5	—	—
Aberdeen	11.54	5.5	—	—
Amsterdam	11.54	5.5	—	—
Belfast	11.54	5.5	—	—
Bombay	11.54	5.5	—	—
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Dacca	11.54	5.5	—	—
Dahomey	11.54	5.5	—	—
Dar es Salaam	11.54	5.5	—	—
Delhi	11.54	5.5	—	—
Dhaka	11.54	5.5	—	—
Durban	11.54	5.5	—	—
Harbin	11.54	5.5	—	—
Hong Kong	11.54	5.5	—	—
Kobe	11.54	5.5	—	—
Kuala Lumpur	11.54	5.5	—	—
Lahore	11.54	5.5	—	—
London	11.54	5.5	—	—
Lyons	11.54	5.5	—	—
Manila	11.54	5.5	—	—
Medan	11.54	5.5	—	—
Mexico City	11.54	5.5	—	—
Mumbai	11.54	5.5	—	—
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Tokyo	11.54	5.5	—	—
Yokohama	11.54	5.5	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

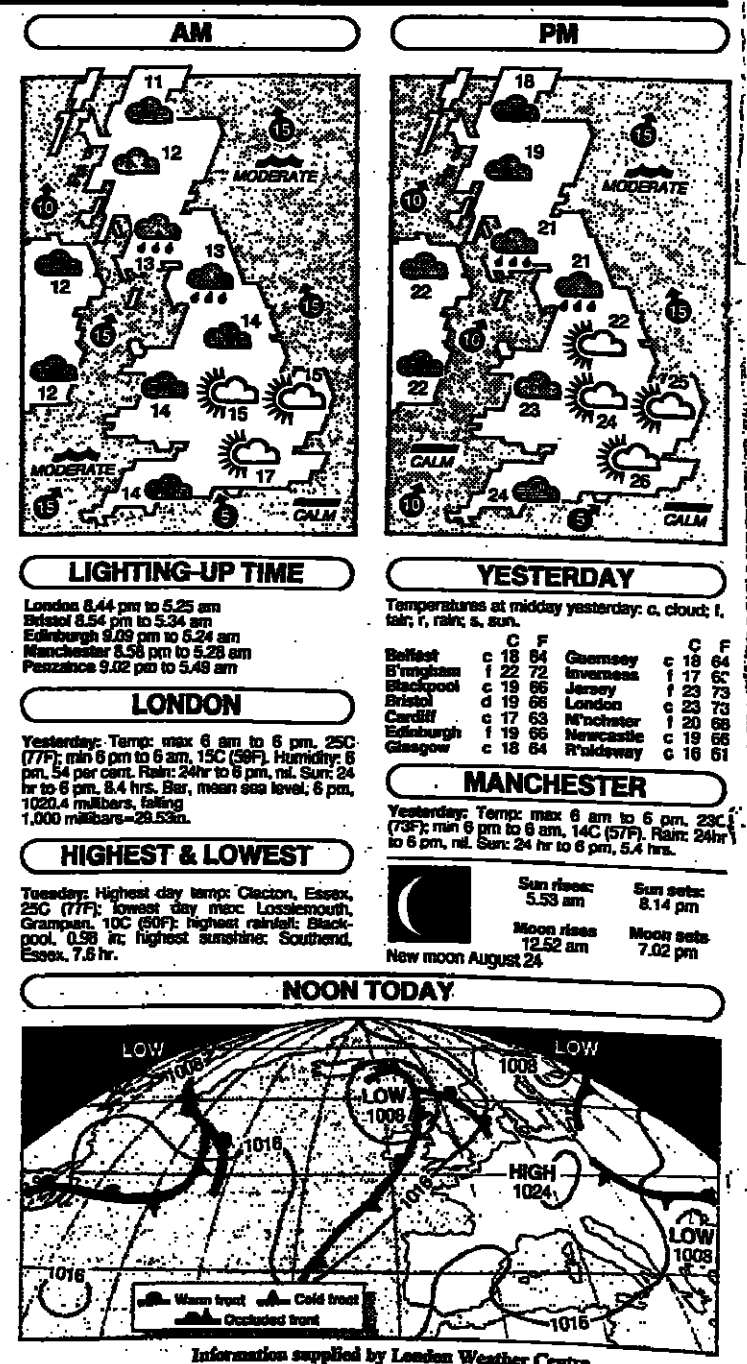
THE POUND

	Bank	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.35	2.35	2.35
Belgium F	2.35	2.35	2.35
Canada C	2.35	2.35	2.35
Denmark Kr	2.35	2.35	2.35
France F	2.35	2.35	2.35
Germany DM	2.35	2.35	2.35
Italy L	2.35	2.35	2.35
Japan Yen	2.35	2.35	2.35
Netherlands Gld	2.35	2.35	2.35
Norway Kr	2.35	2.35	2.35
Portugal Esc	2.35	2.35	2.35
South Africa R	2.35	2.35	2.35
Sweden Kr	2.35	2.35	2.35
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.35	2.35
USA \$	2.35	2.35	2.35
Yugoslavia Dnr	2.35	2.35	2.35

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 101.8.

London: The FT Index closed down 15.8 at 1712.4.



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THURSDAY AUGUST 20 1987

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1712.4 (-19.8)FT-SE 100
2197.8 (-27.2)Bargains
31856 (31528)USM (Datastream)
204.34 (-2.35)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6150 (+0.0005)W German mark
2.9732 (-0.0056)Trade-weighted
72.6 (same)Blue Arrow
talks to
Manpower

Mr Tony Berry, chairman of the Blue Arrow staff agency group, was late last night attempting to reach agreement with the board of the Manpower group over the British firm's £1.2 billion (£754 million) takeover offer.

Under US securities law Mr Berry was required to reach agreement with shareholders that these talks may, if successful, lead to an increase in the \$75 per share offer for Manpower, the world's largest staff agency business.

Market speculation suggested that Blue Arrow is willing to raise its offer to \$80 per share to secure the backing of Manpower's president, Mr Mitchell Fromstein, who is also a substantial shareholder in the group.

N Sea oilfield
find confirmed

Kerr McGee has confirmed it has found a potentially big oilfield in the North Sea, producing more than 100,000 barrels of oil a day.

The field, in block 9/18b, is close to the existing Beryl field operated by Mobil, 200 miles north-east of Aberdeen.

Chloride move

Chloride Group yesterday cleared the way for a reorganisation of ordinary dividend payments after shareholders' approval to convert the arrears preference shares into ordinary shares. *Tempos, page 20*

£1.2m deal

J Saville Gordon Group, the metal merchanting-to-property company, has paid £1.2 million for a group of reversionary retail properties, mainly in Scotland.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	2647.96 (-6.70)
Dow Jones	25231.59 (-112.75)
Hong Kong	3450.84 (-54.23)
Singapore	2103.1 (-5.1)
Frankfurt	2022.2 (-37.0)
Brussels	5385.6 (-43.2)
Paris CAC	408.8 (-5.0)
Zurich S&K	588.60 (-6.4)
London FT	1712.4 (-19.8)
FT 100	2197.8 (-27.2)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RESE:	
Heaton	2880 (+220)
M. Holdings	5800 (+150)
Time Tech	5330 (+220)
Owen & Robinson	9630 (+530)
Wendy Cameron	2750 (+220)
FALLS:	
P&O	6590 (-210)
British Dredging	2040 (-200)
T. Robinson	5890 (-240)
USI	4580 (-320)
QUS 'A'	12750 (-200)
Glaxo	17390 (-250)
Highgate & Job	8500 (-220)
Sin Alliance	8500 (-220)
Hill Samuel	6530 (-1100)
Kleinwort	5720 (-430)
Morgan Grenfell	5720 (-430)
Nat West Bank	7070 (-180)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	10%
3-month interbank 10	10.1%
3-month eligible bills	9.75-9.8%
Overnight rate	9.75%
US Prime Rate 9%	
Federal Funds 6%	
3-month Treasury Bills	6.00-6.58%
30-year bonds	9.51-9.9%

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ \$1.6150	\$ £1.5150
£ DM2.9732	DM £1.9107
£ Sfr2.4651	Sfr £1.5255
£ FF9.8422	FF £1.4707
£ Yen234.33	Yen £1.4500
£ Index: 72.6	Index: 119.5
ECU 20.697409	SDR 16.782497

GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$457.55 pm \$456.35	
Close \$455.50-456.00	(281.75-282.25)
New York:	
Comex \$455.50-456.00	

NORTH SEA OIL

Barrel (Sept)	pm \$18.55 bid (\$18.85)
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City fearful of
credit growth
Record £21bn off
shares this week

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Financial markets in London traded very nervously yesterday, ahead of money supply figures that are expected to show uncomfortably strong credit growth.

But a new forecast from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research says the City's worries about overheating are exaggerated.

Shares were hit hard by fears of runaway credit growth and rising interest rates. At one stage yesterday, the FTSE-100 index was down by almost 50 points. It recovered to close 27.2 points down at 2,197.8. Even so, the index has fallen by nearly 100 points this week.

"The equity market is suffering from a general malaise, a general lack of confidence," said Mr John Sheppard, an economist at Warburg Securities, the broker. "The prospect of a big cash drain on the market as well as the economic worries are weighing on shares."

Calculations before the modest afternoon recovery in share prices showed that a record £21 billion had been wiped from share prices since the start of the week.

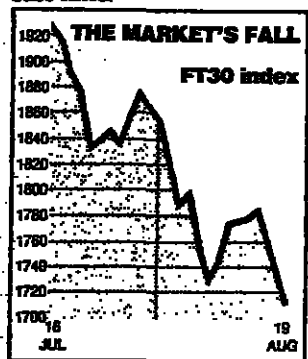
The three-day fall has taken the 100-share index to 28 points lower than its close on Friday, August 7, after the mini-crash which followed the surprise one point rise in base

rates. In that week the index fell by 120 points, only to recover steadily by a total of 70 points last week.

Shares in companies raising money by issuing new shares or raising money from their shareholders were particularly hard hit. British Airways shares fell to a low of 190p in their new form, down 7p, just a day after shareholders had to make the second 60p instalment on the original offer.

The City is worried that the July bank-lending figures, to be published by the Bank of England today, could result in pressure for a further rise in base rates after the unexpected rise from 9 to 10 per cent on August 6.

In its *Quarterly Bulletin*, published last week, the Bank of England cited a summer acceleration in credit growth as the main reason for raising base rates.



Central expectations for the July money supply figures are that bank lending will rise by just under £3 billion, after a £3.9 billion June increase, and that a rise of 1 per cent or more in M0 will take this narrow money measure close to the top of the Government's 2 to 6 per cent target range.

Any figure above £3 billion for bank lending, even if associated with special factors such as the City's settlement difficulties, would be regarded as very negative for the markets.

"If we come in with another £4 billion, then this would be regarded as extremely bad news," said Mr Bill Martin, an economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker.

Although the Chancellor no longer targets the broad measure of money supply, sterling M3, he has failed to wean the markets off concentrating on one aspect of it, bank lending. The Bank of England's emphasis on credit growth in explaining the last base rate rise means this focus on lending will continue.

In the currency markets, the pound stayed on the sidelines while the dollar ran into further selling pressure. The dollar fell from ¥146.20 to ¥145.10, and by a third of a penny to DM1.8412.

Review plays down worries

By Our Economics Correspondent

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, in its *August Economic Review*, says worries about the British economy overheating are exaggerated, and comparisons with the Barber boom of 1972-73 misplaced. But the institute expects a modest upturn in inflation next year, slower growth and a worsening of the balance of payments.

The Government's cyclical indicators for the economy, however, show growth continuing for some time. The longer leading index for the economy, now adjusted to be less sensitive to share price movements, points to a continued

upturn in activity for at least 12 months.

The Central Statistical Office has also declared that there was a peak in economic activity early in 1985, followed by a slowdown.

The CSO's declaration, while it does not affect the fact that the economy has recorded growth since the spring of 1981, means ministers can no longer claim that the present recovery is the longest upturn since the war.

The National Institute expects a good year for the economy this year, with growth of 3.3 per cent, a

fourth-quarter inflation rate below 4 per cent and a modest £1.1 billion current account deficit.

For next year, growth is forecast to slow to 2.2 per cent and inflation to rise to nearly 5 per cent, accompanied by a widening in the current account deficit to £3.4 billion.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday hailed the biggest fall in long-term unemployment on record. Long-term unemployment in July was 57,000 below its April level, he said.

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WH Smith peaks at £63m

By Alexandra Jackson

WH Smith & Son reported higher profits for the seventh successive year at £63.8 million on turnover which broke through the £1.5 billion level for the first time.

Final dividends of 5.4p per 'A' share and 1.08p per 'B' share were declared, making annual advances of 30 per cent. This is in line with the increase in pretax profits.

Mr Simon Horaby, chairman, said: "The year has started well. We are looking forward with confidence to continuing strong growth."

He emphasised the strategy of expanding organically in areas of established expertise. "We are not planning any major acquisitions," he said.

WH Smith opened 147 retail outlets last year, making a total of 1,266 branches covering 5.8 million sq ft. This growth rate is expected to continue.

A triennial property revaluation showed a £51.9 million surplus, increasing the



Confident: WH Smith chairman Simon Horaby

book value to £152 million. These figures contained £662,000 of property profits, compared with £2.8 million.

Interest costs at £6.6 million were lower than expected, although 31 per cent up on the previous year.

High street trading profits rose 35 per cent to £44.6 million. The British operation, made up of traditional WH Smith outlets, Sherratt & Hughes bookshops, Paper-

chase stationery, Our Price record shops and an emergent chain of travel shops, fared well. The group controls 16 per cent of the domestic book market and 21 per cent of the recorded music market.

In North America, Elson's retail sales exceeded \$100 million (£62.1 million) and its profits are recovering. The out-of-town, do-it-yourself chain, Do It All, had an excellent year, increasing profits 41 per cent to £8.5 million. It has 8 per cent of this buoyant market and is developing a new style to differentiate its business from the competition.

US wholesaling sales rose 9 per cent while in Britain, modest sales growth of 3.4 per cent was reported. Trading profits rose 18 per cent to £15.4 million but, taking into account 1985-86 provisions, progress was minimal.

This year the reorganization of the London wholesaling trade's regional structure will incur £1 million extra costs. *Tempos, page 20*

Share price tumbles as UBS backs out of deal



Looking to an uncertain future: chairman Sir Robert Clark

Protest as 'false market' costs Adler £15.5m

Mr Larry Adler, the Australian businessman, yesterday accused the Hill Samuel board of misleading shareholders after the proposed deal with UBS fell through.

Mr Adler, the chairman of FAI Insurance, and Mr Kerry Packer, another Australian, hold 26 per cent of Hill Samuel between them. Hill Samuel regards both as "hostile" investors and they were not kept informed of the negotiations with UBS.

The value of Mr Adler's investment in Hill Samuel fell by £15.5 million yesterday as the bank's share price dropped 120p. Mr Packer's investment was worth £13 million less. Mr Adler angrily accused Hill

Samuel of misleading shareholders by indicating more than a month ago that a merger with UBS would go through. He said that Hill Samuel's behaviour in making that announcement was "really very improper. It has created a false market in the shares which have risen by 40 per cent."

However, Sir Robert Clark, the Hill Samuel chairman, said the group had merely stated that negotiations were under way which might lead to a bid. Major shareholders had been kept informed, expect the two Australians.

Mr Adler said Hill Samuel should now encourage other bidders. "There are a number

of other companies interested in taking over Hill Samuel Group," he said.

He said that he knew of at least two potential bidders.

However, Sir Robert said the bank was not aware of any other bidders. Yesterday

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Credit Suisse denied that it was interested in bidding.

UBS's refusal to buy the non-banking operations of Hill Samuel also caused surprise in the City, considering the group's year-end results in June showed that profits from non-banking had outstripped merchant banking and securities profits.

The group's profits remained virtually unchanged, but merchant banking profits had declined by around £1.5 million to £25 million.

Hill Samuel's talks with UBS began early in July and became public when Mr Christopher Castleman resigned as chief executive of Hill Samuel over the issue. He believed that the group should remain independent.

The group now intends to continue as before, however Sir Robert insisted that Mr Castleman would not be returning to Hill Samuel.

Sir Robert said: "We will go back to our previous strategy of developing an independent financial services group

Call for MacGregor at British Gas

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

A move will be made at next Thursday's annual meeting of British Gas to have Sir Ian MacGregor - the former head of the coal and steel industries - appointed a director to represent large, industrial consumers.

A motion has been put forward for debate by Mr Philip Wright, a managing director of Sheffield Forgemasters, who is representing a group of 10 big industrial customers of British Gas.

The motion has beaten the seven-day deadline for inclusion on the agenda of the annual meeting, which is expected to be attended by 6,000 shareholders at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, but did not arrive in time for British Gas to include it in the original notice of meeting sent to all 3 million shareholders.

Because of that, a first-class letter, detailing the motion, will be sent out today to

shareholders at a estimated cost of £700,000.

It is understood that senior management is opposed to such a move which they see as a blatant attempt to push forward the views of one group of customers at the expense of others.

It appears unlikely that enough shareholders will be prepared to back the move. At least 10 per cent would have to support it before it would be seriously considered by the directors.

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FKI is given green light for £413m Babcock bid

By Michael Tait

Back in his native Yorkshire yesterday, Mr Tony Gartland had less difficulty than some had envisaged in eliciting the support of FKI Electricals shareholders for his audacious plan to acquire and revitalize the struggling Babcock International.

Inspired by the success of Mr Gartland's no-nonsense style of management at FKI in the four years since he took control and brought it to the stock market, they voted unanimously in favour of the £413 million takeover bid, even though they have seen the value of their investment slump by almost 25 per cent since the day of its inception.

Between 80 and 100 shareholders crowded into the conference room at Holdsworth House, just outside Halifax, and with true Yorkshire concern about how their money was spent about a dozen were armed with pertinent questions about Mr Gartland's plans.

Within an hour Mr Gartland had his money and permission to proceed. Now Babcock holders move to centre stage.

Despite the reluctance of some income fund managers, holders of Babcock for its yield, the bid looks like succeeding.

But at what further short-

term cost to FKI holders? In the absence of the rival offer, most of the £413m bid was out of the bag, and in the light of the recommendation by Lord King, Babcock's chairman, Babcock holders are in the mood to accept. Faced with a share exchange offer currently worth 265p a share, and a sharp drop in income, many will opt for Mr Gartland's 310p a share cash offer.

It threatens to be some while before the FKI share price surfaces through the weight of paper that will be about.

For those prepared to wait, however, the rewards could be high. Mr Gartland can achieve his aim of nationalizing Babcock by the end of FKI's current financial year, March, the combined group could make profits of £180 million before tax in 1988-89, according to Mr Paul Sharp, Robert Fleming's long-term follower and self-confessed admirer of FKI and Gartland.

This would mean earnings of 14.7p a share which he reckons would merit a share price of about 220p once the dust has settled.

August 29 is the next crucial date. That is the first closing date and the last day for accepting the cash offer.



Tony Gartland: Shareholders back his audacious plan

Falklands fuel deal for Hogg offshoot

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Fuel supplies for the 2,000 civilians on the Falklands Islands and the fishing fleet operating in its conservation zone are to be handled by a new company set up by the Hogg Robinson Group.

The company, Stanley Services, has been awarded a contract by the island government. Up until 1982 fuel was supplied by an Argentine company, but since then the Ministry of Defence has made supplies available.

The company will provide 2,000 tonnes of diesel a year for the small power station in Port Stanley, petrol for the one retail outlet, and drums of fuel for the outlying farms and settlements.

The main part of the contract will be to supply the fishing ships which are due to start operating in the new fishing zone from next February. The ships will be supplied from a tanker moored in the Stanley area and the value of the contract will depend on the size of the fleet. It could be worth £30 million a year and the new company could ultimately take over responsibility for fuel supplies for the islands' military installations.

Oil strike profits to aid charity

By Our Energy Correspondent

Residents of Hornsea in rural Hampshire will meet tonight to be told of plans by one of their neighbours to drill for oil on his land and pass on any profits to charity.

Dr Edgar Borrow, the founder of the Dental Milk Foundation, set up to promote the use of fluoride in milk to prevent tooth decay among children, has found evidence of oil seepage on land at his farm at Padnell Grange, Cowplain.

Other oil companies have drilled for oil in the area, notably Haddon Petroleum, which later sold its onshore interests to Britoil.

The geological survey team from the Marischal College, Aberdeen, has carried out a survey for Dr Borrow and found evidence of oil-bearing strata at shallow depths.

He wants planning permission to drill three exploratory wells at Blendworth Common, near Hornsea. "The planning application has aroused considerable interest," he commented.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The Swiss leave Hill Samuel in disarray

At musical hall level, the failure of Union Bank of Switzerland to come to terms with Hill Samuel strongly suggests that Hill Samuel should have used another merchant bank to negotiate with the Swiss on its behalf. Hill Samuel is left with more egg on its face to add to the yellow stains left by three previous, failed merger attempts of which two — Metropolitan Estate and Property in Sir Charles Hardie's golden days and the projected misalliance with Slater, Walker — were causes célèbres.

More seriously, HS is controlled by a board which contrived or connived at the failed takeover by UBS, without, it now appears, being at all clear what the Swiss wanted: the whole or just selected cuts.

The responsibility falls on Sir Robert Clark, chairman of HS, and John Chiene, head of Wood Mackenzie, whose conviction that Hill Samuel alone was of an insufficient size to sustain his ambitions for the securities division prevailed over Christopher Castleman's belief that HS had a worthwhile future as an independent financial services group. Sir Robert's return yesterday to the Castleman line is not credible. There is, as he readily conceded, no chance of the former chief executive returning to the fold ("you can't put a scrambled egg back into its shell").

But how do you remove the "for sale" board? And how do you restore the cohesion of a group that has been offered for sale, faced the prospect of dismemberment, and been left in muddled disarray, all in a matter of weeks?

There are a series of subsidiary questions to which satisfactory answers have not yet been given. Were Phillips & Drew, the leading firm of stockbrokers already owned by UBS, ever likely to have taken well to being in the same bed as Wood Mackenzie? Their cultures are different to a degree; their dominating personalities more so; and overlaps in their business would have entailed pruning and "consolidation".

Would UBS have treated Hill Samuel, even the discrete parts in which it now transpires it was solely interested, in the manner HS would expect? Notwithstanding P&D's genial treatment so far, it seems unlikely, and certainly un-Swiss, that UBS would have permitted the degree of autonomy and admission at the highest levels of policy-making which HS would look for and need if it was to grow and thrive in the way HS supporters of the takeover envisaged.

The Swiss have an irritating habit of putting one of their own men effectively

in authority. The fact that he is usually less able than those who have to respect his position as the representative of the owning bank is an additional disadvantage.

UBS did not want the retail insurance and fund management operations (Hill Samuel Life), nor the shipping insurance broking and employee benefit services. Retailing financial services is not part of its international strategy. Hill Samuel was willing to dispense with the latter parts but could not make the break with HS Life. Or not by itself.

It seems HS might have been willing to sell UBS the group and let the Swiss make the disposals. But the Swiss did not want to "warehouse" HS; that also is not part of its policy.

Why did it take so long for both sides to realise these things? One is that takeover negotiations simply take a long time, and these would all have been secret had Christopher Castleman's resignation not blown the gaff. But this makes UBS look silly. A glance at last year's results shows the importance of non-banking and retail operations to the group, and any organization with such a large insurance sales force is bound to have a substantial retail insurance business.

Yet the real problems are left in Hill Samuel's lap. It is more "in play" than ever, and these events have helped to focus the world's attention on the group's break-up value.

For whatever reason the heads of UBS have changed their minds, they have left Hill Samuel in an unstable situation where loss of face can lead to serious loss of confidence, and that, in turn, to loss of business. A takeover by a bigger and financially stronger group may still be the best solution, not least because a cross Larry Adler and the Australian doberman, Kerry Packer, will be snapping at HS's heels more viciously than before. They lost around £14 million each from yesterday's share fall, but are still looking at paper profits of far more than that at the current price. They can be expected to agitate the situation in the next few weeks, no doubt encouraging potential bids. The pressures on HS are now greater because the thought of splitting it up into component elements and disposing of them separately is now part of the discussion.

It is suddenly apparent to the City that to have a serious presence in the London securities market, you do not need to buy a merchant bank. This could be a blow not only to Hill Samuel but to Morgan Grenfell, where the stake building is proceeding apace, and to other merchant banks whose futures are becoming less secure in capitalism's brave new world.

Sainsbury stores sold to Bejam

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Nine freezer centres in the South-east have been sold by Sainsbury, Britain's biggest grocer, to Bejam, the freezer stores chain.

All nine are independent high-street outlets unconnected with Sainsbury supermarkets.

Bejam plans to keep open only five of the stores.

The stores that will continue are at Bent Oak, East Dulwich, Hayes, End, Lewes and Sidcup. Closures will be at Hornchurch, Hove, Peto Wood and Streatham Hill.

ConsGold warns US buyers

By Colin Campbell

Consolidated Gold Fields, the holder of a 26.2 per cent stake in Newmont Mining Corporation, the American natural resources group, last night gave a warning that it would "take such action as we may deem appropriate to prevent anyone from interfering with the success Newmont is achieving or otherwise damaging our interest."

Mr Rudolph Agnew, the ConsGold chairman, reacting to the recent acquisition of a 9.95 per cent stake in Newmont by a group of Texan investors under the banner of Ivanhoe Partners, said he had rejected an invitation to meet Mr T Boone Pickens of Ivanhoe.

meeting with ConsGold and Newmont "to discuss alternatives for advancing the objectives of all parties."

Earlier, Ivanhoe intimated it may seek control of Newmont. The suggestion worried London analysts who felt ConsGold may be forced into a costly battle to defend its position when it could more usefully deploy its cash funds in other directions.

Newmont's share price has advanced from \$20.50 to \$83.62 in the past 16 months, making any battle expensive.

ConsGold has a close working relationship with Newmont, as well as the right eventually to acquire up to

33.3 per cent of Newmont — a right it is happy to retain "at this time."

Mr Agnew last night said he gave full support to Newmont's management and that ConsGold had no wish to seek control of Newmont.

ConsGold was the subject of bid talk last year when American Barrick Resources established a foothold on its share register and eventually admitted it had a 4.99 per cent stake.

ConsGold called for a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the circumstances of the share buying and is still awaiting the report. American Barrick has since sold all its ConsGold shares.

Biggest societies win high rating

By Peter Gartland, Family Money Editor

EuroRatings, the credit rating agency, has assigned ratings to Britain's two biggest building societies, the Halifax and the Abbey National.

EuroRatings says building societies as a group are not institutions that would command its highest ratings. This is because of increasing competition in the sector and the fact that building societies have no "leader of last resort" in relation to their wholesale borrowing. EuroRatings has made an exception in its rating of the Halifax and Abbey National by putting them near the top of its range.

However, both societies say that they did not ask for these ratings and did not co-operate in their compilation. EuroRatings says the ratings were made after analysis of publicly

available information only.

Mr John Fry, general manager (corporate planning) at the Abbey National, said the time and resources necessary in co-operating with EuroRatings did not seem justified, especially as the society had already received credit ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poor's. The Halifax has also received ratings from these agencies.

EuroRatings said that while the Halifax had excellent asset quality and a geographically diversified branch network, it had experienced some erosion in margins and spreads. EuroRatings' view of the Abbey National is that it is above average in its peer group, but notes with concern that Abbey's new products are "perhaps posing greater risk."

Fredericks to buy broker for £1.75m

By Our City Staff

Fredericks Place Holdings (FPH), formed last year as the framework for a wide-ranging financial services group, has signed a heads of agreement to buy the stockbroker Northcote & Co for £1.75 million.

FPH, which includes Spencer Thornton, Fredericks Place Group and the Country Gentlemen's Association, is also raising £6.25 million gross via the issue of 6.25 million convertible redeemable preference shares. Of these, 4.12 million will be offered to existing FPH shareholders through an open offer on the basis of one convertible for every six FPH ordinary shares.

Northcote earned net commissions of about £3.8 million in the year to 28 March, excluding a proportion of

commissions payable to associates of the partnership. The acquisition will expand the client base of the FPH subsidiary, FPG Securities, which embraces the stockbroking businesses of Spencer Thornton, and Tutton and Saunders.

The capital being raised will fund the Northcote acquisition and provide additional working capital for other group interests. It will also give FPH the flexibility to finance other acquisition opportunities.

FPH says it has indications of support for the necessary resolutions to implement its latest plan from holders of 52.3 per cent of its ordinary capital and from holders representing 48.5 per cent of its convertible deferred share capital.

Grouse... and gas too?

Sir Lawrie Barratt, the quietly-spoken chairman of recovery stock Barratt Developments, could be sitting on a fortune. The energy division of rival builder Taylor Woodrow has carried out seismic tests on some of the 4,280 acres which comprise his magnificent Farndale Estate amid the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, and although they have decided not to drill just yet they say they are confident that there is a commercial natural gas field in the vicinity. "We have a licence for the whole of that area and we think we have found a commercial gas field within the Vale of Pickering," a Woodrow spokesman tells me. Sir Lawrie's estate is in the vale but Woodrow say they won't know for sure if there is a commercial field on his land as well until they test drill. "We have no plans to drill there at present," says the spokesman. Sir Lawrie, aged 59, who is away on holiday until the end of the month, is expected to visit Farndale soon after his return. Shooting is listed as one of his hobbies in Who's Who and his gamekeeper Phil Collier says that the grouse this year are exceptionally good.

Highland fling

SG Warburg, Cannon Street Investments' merchant bank, might have had its doubts about the purchase of the Craigdarroch leisure and time-share complex on Royal

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A burning ambition

The contents of a businessman's bookcase are often said to give away the innermost secrets of his character. If their choice of paintings is equally revealing, followers of merchant bank Morgan Grenfell, currently trying to work out whether or not Robert Holmes & Court is about to start making predatory advances, could be in for an interesting time. I'm told that

on the wall of his Perth office hangs a beach-style work entitled *Medbourne Burning* which depicts a number of figures writhing about in an inferno. And one of the 80 or so staff in his personal office there says that even those who have worked alongside him for years find it impossible to predict his next move. The suspense could be only just beginning...

Deeside in Scotland. After all, Bill Hislop, the CSI chairman, is a Scot himself and therefore possibly biased, and it is rather different from the sort of basic business CSI usually buys. So to prove he had not entirely lost his marbles, Hislop whisked several War-

burg executives northwards, accompanied by their wives — none of whom would normally choose the Highlands of Scotland as a holiday destination. Happily, they were all totally sold on the place, with its swimming pool, tennis courts, saunas, curling rink and artificial ski slope. And for brave souls who buy time-share weeks in the winter, the famous Scottish ski resorts of Lecht and Glenisla are a short drive away.

As independent City PR consultant Brian Hayes strolls along a beach on his Minorcan holiday this week, he will almost certainly be reminiscing about his National Service days back in the 1950s. Hayes, a one-time financial journalist with both the *Evening Standard* and the *Daily Mail*, spent part of his National Service as a member of the British contingent responsible for guarding Rudolf Hess.

Holiday nerves

The champagne corks will be popping in the Fenchurch Street offices of Kleinwort Grenvilles later today if the Government's money supply figures have risen by anything less than 1 per cent. The firm's chief economist, Mike Osborne, who had an impressive hit rate with last week's economic statistics, is forecasting a rise on last month of 0.7 per cent, against a more general market expectation of 1 per cent. Just as he did two weeks ago, Osborne was watching the market's decline yesterday with disquiet. As shares tumbled on the excuse that today's figures might be bad, he said: "Neither the Bank nor the Treasury is as naive as some people in the City think. They wouldn't have increased base rates when they did if they knew they were about to unveil bad figures — they would have waited until after the event." In his weekly bulletin two weeks ago Osborne successfully predicted an earnings rise of 7.4 per cent, and an inflation figure of 4.4 per cent. Commenting further on yesterday's copy-cat slide, he said: "The fund managers are all away on holiday and volume is very low. The market will stabilise again just as soon as they return."

Latest in the long line of acronyms being bandied about the City is the label "lombard", which is apparently being used to describe young Turks with "lots of money but absolutely ridiculous desires."

Carol Leonard

Talbex makes £10.3 million cash call

Shareholders in Talbex Group, the industrial holding company, are being asked for more cash, this time through a rights issue. Mr Terry Langan, the chief executive, is seeking £10.37 million via a one-for-three rights issue at 33p.

Earlier this year an open offer raised £1.5 million to trim its overdraft, as the company embarked on a new era with a new management team. Mr Langan and his colleague Mr Geoff Hawkins injected their own Union Mining coal business into the group and brought in Sleipner (UK), part of the Scandinavian financial services group, as major shareholders.

Now Mr Langan wants £5 million to build a new plant for its Osmond Aerosols off-

shoot. Britain's largest independent aerosol filler, which still contributes 75 per cent of group turnover, and a further £2 million to modernize the existing factory. Osmond sales were 40 per cent up in the year to the end of July and the company has been unable to meet demand.

Neither Sleipner, nor all of the Talbex directors, who together hold 27.44 per cent of the share capital, will be taking up their entitlement. Their shares will be placed nil paid by Quilter & Co. at 24p a share.

In brief

● HANIMEX: Total dividend 5 cents (2 cents) for the year to June 30. With figures in 'Aus\$000: Pretax profit 15.419

(£6.8 million), against 8,122. Sales 435,523 (366,497). Earnings per share 15.9 cents (7.5 cents).

● PARANBE: Interim dividend 0.5p (0.45p) for the half-year to June 30. With figures in £000: Total income 105 (75). Pretax profit 49 (30). Earnings per share, based on weighted average, 0.78p (0.33p).

● UNIDARE: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 3.13p. With figures in £000: Pretax profit 1,640 (£1,471 million), against 1,515. Sales 28,680 (28,022). Earnings per share 9.81p (9.03p).

interim dividend is unchanged at 1.5p. With figures in £000: Pretax revenue 4,259 (4,238). Earnings per share 2.10p (1.01p).

● COLINE INTERNATIONAL: The company is to buy the probe business of Unaohm Start SPA for £35,000, the majority of which represents recognition of goodwill and the existing and future order book.

● KEPEL CORP: Six months to June 30. With figures in \$000: Pretax profit 22,382 (£6.8 million), against 3,643 loss. Turnover 305,483 (257,818). Earnings per share 4.9 cents (2.8 cents loss).

● F&C ENTERPRISE TRUST: Six months to June 30. With figures in £000: Total revenue 227 (343). Pretax loss 102 (41 revenue). Loss per share 0.16p (earnings 0.004p). The board expects to be able at least to maintain the annual dividend.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FORECAST

	GDP (%)	Manufacturing (%)	Unemployment (million, Q4)	Inflation (%) Q4	Current account (£ billion)
1986	2.9	0.8	3.1	3.4	-0.1
1987	3.3	4.0	2.8	3.8	-1.1
1988	2.2	1.5	2.7	4.9	-3.4

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which has often been accused of taking an excessively gloomy view of the economy, is relatively optimistic in its August *Economic Review*.

The Institute says fears that the British economy is overheating have been exaggerated, and that comparisons with the boom of 1972-73 are misleading.

"Indeed we would not characterize the present condition of the real economy as a 'boom' at all," the Review says. "Demand is strong but not for reasons one associates with 'booms'."

"The strength of demand rests mainly on a strong growth in real earnings rather than the expansion of credit. The growth in real earnings in turn owes much to a sustained improvement in productivity growth and an improvement in the terms of trade; it does not seem to be a case of excess demand for labour forcing firms to concede pay increases."

Even so, the institute's forecast is for a deterioration in both the balance of payments and Britain's inflation perfor-

mance next year, after a good year for the economy this year.

Growth is forecast at 3.3 per cent this year, exceeding the Treasury's 3 per cent prediction, before declining to 2.2 per cent next year as slower growth in the world economy hits exports.

Unemployment is predicted to continue falling until next summer, when a level of 2.7 million is predicted, before it levels off.

Inflation is expected to end this year at 3.8 per cent — below the Treasury's 4 per cent forecast — before rising to 4.9 per cent at the end of 1988. But this rise in inflation is "limited and temporary," the institute says.

A year ago, the National Institute forecast a huge current account deficit for 1987, sent sterling falling sharply. Now, its balance of payments forecasts of a £1.1 billion current account deficit this year, widening to £3.4

needed to produce a steady reduction in the \$140 billion (£87 billion) US payments deficit.

Similar pressures for currency depreciation may face Britain, the institute adds. Britain's current account deficit is forecast to average £3 billion to £4 billion a year over the period to 1991. "Our forecast of the balance of payments may be too pessimistic; and even if it is correct, the country may be able to finance that deficit," the Review says.

"But if measures are necessary to correct it, the exchange rate should be allowed to fall as part of the package. It would be shortsighted to rely on deflation alone, whether by fiscal or monetary means."

● The manufacturing plants that were closed in the early 1980s may not have been those suffering from low productivity growth, according to an article in the *Review*.

The 40 per cent drop in the number of large plants between 1979 and 1984 does not explain why average productivity growth in industry rose, the article says. There is evidence that some of the plants that were closed enjoyed rapid productivity growth but low profitability.



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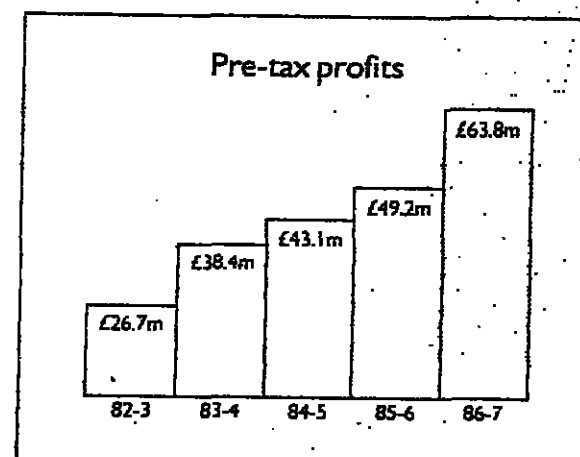
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	1985-6	1986-7
	£ million	£ million
Sales	1,281.6	1,526.6
Pre-tax Profit	49.2	63.8
Net dividend	6.0p	7.8p
Earnings per share	17.19p	21.16p

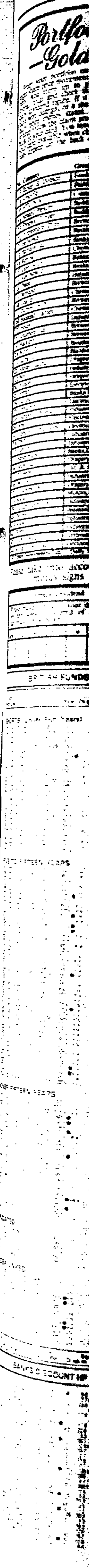
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BEST SELLERS



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No.	Company	Group	Share Price
1	Baker & Dabson	Food	100
2	Aradale	Buildings/Roads	100
3	RTV NV	Chemicals	100
4	Standard Perkins	Buildings/Roads	100
5	Phoenix Timber	Buildings/Roads	100
6	Investment Data	Buildings/Roads	100
7	Bedford	Buildings/Roads	100
8	Burdys (as)	Buildings/Roads	100
9	Kentford	Buildings/Roads	100
10	Clear Allen	Buildings/Roads	100
11	Ann New 2	Buildings/Roads	100
12	Marland	Buildings/Roads	100
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Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 on Sunday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

BRITISH FUNDS			
High	Low	Open	Close

SHORTS (Under Five Years)			
High	Low	Open	Close

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS			
High	Low	Open	Close

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS			
High	Low	Open	Close

UNDATED			
High	Low	Open	Close

INDEX-LINKED			
High	Low	Open	Close

BANKS DISCOUNT HP			
High	Low	Open	Close

BREWERIES			
High	Low	Open	Close

BUILDINGS AND ROADS			
High	Low	Open	Close

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS			
High	Low	Open	Close

CINEMAS AND TV			
High	Low	Open	Close

DRAPERY AND STORES			
High	Low	Open	Close

HOTELS AND CATERERS			
High	Low	Open	Close

INDUSTRIALS A-D			
High	Low	Open	Close

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities fall again

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 10. Dealings end on Friday. Settlement day September 1. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 20.)

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High	Low	Open	Close	% Chg	P/E
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FINANCE AND LAND

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PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Why do today's bright young graduates seek to become corporate treasurers when the generation preceding them would not even have heard of this career opportunity? Corporate treasury is a young profession, and has received extensive publicity throughout the 1980s, but we can no longer explain the continuing interest in the corporate treasury function simply by its novelty, relative to other professions.

Its growing attractions as a career are now based on solid and lasting grounds.

One of the greatest appeals of the treasury function as a career must be the simple but inescapable fact of its rapidly growing importance in all but the smallest company.

A good corporate treasurer will generate cash flows within a company, minimize borrowing costs, maximize return on surplus funds and control the

financial risks, especially currency and interest rate exposures.

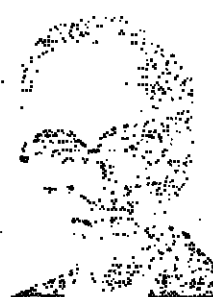
Along the way, he or she will improve and strengthen the company's balance sheet, and thereby its attraction to investors. It is difficult to think of a more important function. As a consequence, a good treasurer is a key person in any management structure.

Corporate treasurers in the UK operate in a particularly exciting and attractive environment. In relation to their size, UK companies have for many years undertaken a high proportion of international trade. This means that opportunities for creative currency management exist in most medium-size companies; they are not confined to the larger, well-known international groups.

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As a consequence of this combination of corporate

need, international outlook and market opportunities, a corporate treasurer in the UK is today in the fortunate position of being able to make a more significant contribution to the success of his company than his counterpart in almost any other country.

The development of the corporate treasury profession in Britain over the last decade has been remarkable. The professional association, the Association of Corporate Treasurers (ACT), is only eight

years old, yet its influence, recognition and reputation is already substantial.

Its membership embraces the great majority of treasurers of the leading UK companies, and its journal, *The Treasurer*, has acquired an enviable reputation and circulation list. The association's voice is recognized in government circles, where it has secured some important technical revisions to legislation. The profession is thriving, both in

the field and as represented by the ACT.

Many of today's corporate treasurers have converted to treasury from other functions, notably accountancy and banking. New recruits today, however, are entering the profession directly and are sitting the ACT's demanding examinations to obtain their qualification. From 1990 onwards, entry will be limited to those who have passed the association's final examinations.

Experience and breadth of present opportunities are also pre-requisite for election to full voting membership. The completion of this cycle, in such a short time, with the active profession taking responsibility for its own training standards, examinations and professional qualifications, is the clearest possible illustration of the rapid growth and current importance of the treasury function.

The future for corporate treasury management is exciting. Experienced treasurers are increasingly being promoted to financial directorships and are even now making their mark in general management.

I look forward to the day when the number of treasurers on the boards of British companies will match that of some of the older professions. Given the present rate of progress, we will not have very long to wait.

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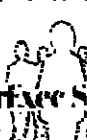
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Buy-in satisfaction

Though a risky, complex process, a buy-in can yield big benefits. And now is probably the best time to consider such an option, as many investing institutions will actually help you to assemble a buy-in team and to find the right business.

Buy-ins are particularly attractive to managers suffering from large company frustration. If you are a divisional head, senior manager or executive, you can inject new challenge into your career with a buy-in. You can either step into a mainboard role in a new company, or assemble a small buy-in team.

Anthony Lunch is a director of BASE International, a consultancy specializing in corporate funding, based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. He says that the type of individuals who organize buy-ins often "feel frustrated because corporate policy has prevented them from doing a buy-out. Sometimes it is because they have been unable to get their corporate bosses to accept an expansion policy, or it may be simply a desire to get together with some colleagues who have worked well as a team and do it again, this time for themselves."

Investors in Industry - known as 31 - has handled 21 buy-ins between April 1986 and March 1987. David Shaw, director of the buy-out division at 31, commented: "We are currently seeing 'second-career executives' asking us to join in a buy-in. They are managers who have risen to relatively senior positions but want to capitalize on their abilities."

One manager threw up a 25-year career with an international company and a position on its board when he was invited to head a buy-in into a small, ailing business. He said: "My family thought I was going through a mid-life crisis, but I wanted to do my own thing. I had to get it out of my system. I couldn't have spent my retirement saying 'what if...'. The gamble paid off for him."

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but he warns others thinking of taking the same risks: "I would not give it as general advice to move from big companies. The statistics are against it."

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Relatively small capital, but plenty of courage, institutional backing and the ability to pick a winner are among the things you need for a successful management buy-in, says MARION DEVINE

company has been driven to its knees by increasing debt, while your backers have forced you out of your job.

Increasingly innovative financing techniques have made buy-ins easier, but riskier, for managers. You will probably find there is no shortage of institutions willing to back you but at a high price.

Do not be surprised to discover that potential backers will want higher returns than normal. Most will view the buy-in as a particularly risky investment because of your unfamiliarity with the target business. Your backers will probably impose some hard terms, which means the business is likely to be saddled with a big debt. This will place heavy pressure on you and your team to improve profits as rapidly as possible.

The risk factor makes many institutions cautious of who they support for a buy-in. Expect to be grilled about your reasons for a buy-in. Your track record will also be rigorously examined.

If you are unemployed, retired or have been made redundant, your task will be much harder, as many investors will suspect your motives stem more from desperation than entrepreneurial flair.

Midland Montagu Ventures places a premium on people. Said David Hutchings, deputy managing director: "If we like and trust them, we will look at the business. We work on the principle that the right buy-in team will succeed in any industry or business."

Once you have gained the commitment of a financial institution, it will help you to find a suitable business if you have not found one already. The extent of this help will vary, so make sure you clarify what you and the institution expect of each other. Informal trade contacts, trade research analysis and City analyst reports may be some of the tools used to find the right business.

When a target company has been found, be prepared for your potential backers to demand a detailed business plan about how you will improve its performance. Pay special attention to explaining how you will cope with the inevitable cash-flow problems in the first couple of years after the buy-in. As it is unlikely that you will have total control of the business, prepare contingency plans just in case the existing management team or the shareholders oppose you. You may not find it as easy as you expected to generate cash by disposing of

parts of the business, or arranging sale and leasebacks of premises.

You may also find that your backers want to see you make a sizeable financial contribution to the venture to demonstrate your commitment.

The type of company you should consider buying is one which is under-performing because of poor or unimaginative management. Shareholders will consider a buy-in only if they believe a new management team is capable of generating considerably more profits, so you must be certain that you really can make a significant impact on the business's performance.

David Shaw, of 31, said: "Buy-ins are ideal in companies where the management is reasonably solid but lacking a particular skill, or entrepreneurial drive. If you can fill the functional gap and provide that creative spark, you can create a thriving management team that will drive the business forward."

Specific targets include family businesses with no management successors, or that have lost their sense of energy and direction. Rapidly growing start-ups are also likely targets, particularly if the entrepreneurial founder lacks management and financial skills to contain the business's growth. A struggling start-up is a riskier option, and must be investigated extensively before buying in.

Failed buy-outs may be suitable, but a big drawback is that the buy-in results in the business being saddled with an even greater debt. Another problem is that the buy-in manager may find that he or she has to work very hard to re-establish the business's credibility and reassure suppliers and clients about future viability.

The potential challenge, job satisfaction and financial reward of a buy-in needs to be weighed carefully against the potential pitfalls. Common problems include the existing management team

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regarding the buy-in manager as an invading foreign body which has to be removed or made ineffective as quickly as possible. Your professional reputation may also be smeared; you may find yourself open to the insinuation that the only way you could make it to the top was by buying your way.

The manager who has embarked on a buy-in does so at risk to his or her professional reputation and career. Yet there is no shortage of managers willing to do a buy-in. Investors in Industry believes this so strongly that it goes to the trouble of combing the country for potential buy-in managers.

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● Marion Devine, with David Chatterback, is the author of Management Buyouts: success and failure away from the corporate apron strings. Century Hutchinson, to be published this autumn.

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By John Hennessy

England and Scotland, who had been at each other's throats the day before, joined forces with Wales to frustrate a Continental invasion at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, yesterday.

Nominally, the Continent faced Britain and Ireland in a youth's (under-21) international, but with the withdrawal of the one Irish pair in the team the mainland were left to stand alone.

After the fourfours it was all to play for as Britain made a sturdy recovery from a position which, at one time near the end, threatened to degenerate into a 3½ to 1½ victory for the visitors. Instead, it finished 2-2, with eight singles matches still to be played.

The contest was thus living up to its more recent reputation. There once was a time when the Continent could offer only puny resistance and the British Isles won the first 11 matches in a row. Since then the Continent have won two and had one of the last seven matches.

Britain owed their recovery yesterday to an English pair, Roger Winchester and Andrew Hare, and the Scottish combination of Gary Orr and Alasdair Watt. They both won on the

18th green, Winchester and Hare against Jesús Arruri (Spain) and Andrea Reale (Italy), Watt and Orr against Sven Strüver (Germany) and Thomas Levett (France).

The Continent reached a position of five up with 10 to play in the top match and four up with seven to play in the bottom, so that much depended on the two British pairs in the middle of the draw. They came through like thoroughbreds after Winchester had missed a long putt for the hole at the 16th, he and Hare recorded birdies at the last two holes with an equal share of the honours. Hare chipped dead at the 17th and Winchester holed from 30 feet at the last.

The Scottish pair also took the lead at the long 17th with a birdie. Watt hitting a three-iron on to the green from 210 yards out, and it was again the partner, this time Orr, who holed from 30 feet for the match at the 18th.

RESULTS (British and Ireland names first): A Tait (Scot) and J Fleming (Scot) lost to O Nordberg (Swe) and J Johansson (Swe); J Winchester (Eng) and A Hare (Eng) beat J Arruri (Esp) and A Reale (Ita); G Orr (Scot) and A Watt (Scot) beat S Strüver (Ger) and T Levett (Fra); one hole; J Pines (Wales) and B Knight (Wales) lost to E Grand (Fra) and P Barquard (Fra); 2 and 1; Continental results: Britain and Ireland 2, Continent of Europe 2.

Consistency gives Morgan the edge

By Patricia Davies

Simone Morgan, of Kenilworth, was the only player to match the par of 74 in the first qualifying round for the girls' British open amateur championship at Barmham Broom yesterday.

Miss Morgan, runner-up in the English girls' championship two weeks ago, led the personal best of 74 in the first round, dropping a shot at the first and the fifth, where she took three putts, but recovered her equilibrium with birdies at the sixth and 12th.

Playing with Helen Dobson, a fellow England junior international, helped to maintain her concentration and keep her competitive. Miss Dobson finished with a 75 and is one of five players on that mark, including Stefania Croce, of Italy, the defending champion, and Sandrine Mendiburu, of France.

Miss Mendiburu, aged 14, from Arcachon, near Bordeaux, is the daughter of a professional and her swing is a model of control, quite unlike the long, loose efforts usually associated with golfers her age. She was two-under-par after seven holes but put her tee shot in the water on the short eighth. No one can

lean on her putter quite like a Frenchwoman, however young, on her way to taking three putts for a six at a par three. But Miss Mendiburu, though annoyed, did not let the incident disturb her.

She had three birdies coming home, including one at the 18th, and though she also dropped three shots, twice taking three putts and once visiting two bunkers at the same hole, she showed she should be quite a force for years to come.

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Bulstrode passes the ball back to Thatcher's team

By John Goodbody

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers, yesterday attacked the Government's role in tackling football hooliganism.

Speaking in the wake of Saturday's violence at Scarborough and the statement by David Evans, the Conservative MP and chairman of Luton Town, that the Prime Minister would be closing down clubs within three months if they did not implement the 50 per cent membership scheme, Bulstrode said: "My message to Mrs Thatcher is that the football clubs have done and are doing as much as they can within the grounds."

"It is up to the Government and the law officers to do as much outside the grounds and deal with the general hooliganism in the country."

He said that football was not responsible for "muggings and general misbehaviour" and some of the people who were carrying out these offences were the same as those who became involved in violence at matches.

Bulstrode said he wanted the Government to "sort them out... Let them do that, particularly those who also travel abroad, waving a passport in one hand and a brick in the other."

This was a veiled reference to the Government's con-

stant refusal to confiscate passports from football fans convicted of violence, because it argues it would be setting an unacceptable precedent in a democracy.

Bulstrode, who was speaking at the launch of *Rathmans Football Yearbook 1987-88* at Stamford Bridge, described membership schemes, agreed by the League and the Government as covering 50 per cent of each ground's capacity, as "giving in to the hooligan element."

"They seem to think that football is just tribal. There are a lot of neutral people who just want to watch a good game of football and do not want to be members of the one club. They want to go as they go to the theatre or any other sporting event and watch it," Bulstrode said.

It has always been the clubs' fear that membership schemes would cut the number of casual spectators and seriously affect clubs' finances.

Bulstrode, himself a non-smoker, also criticized the Government's attitude to restricted cigarette sponsorship.

"There is a certain duplicity on the part of the Government. They are willing to take large tax monies from cigarette smoking and the like but they will not allow cigarette companies to put their money back into sport."

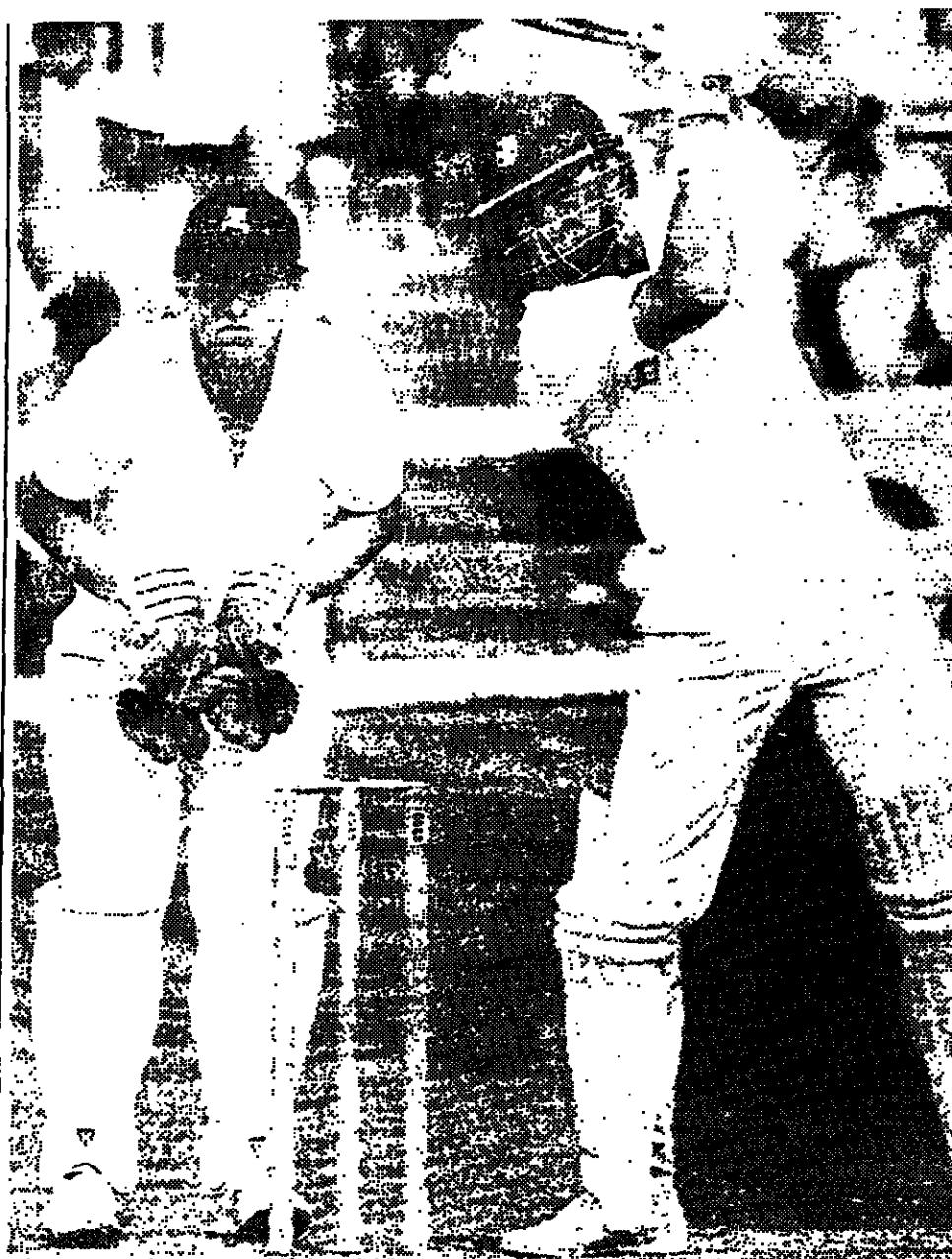
"Perhaps it should in fact use some of the tax money to improve sporting facilities in this country," he said.

Bulstrode, who is also the chairman of Marler Estates, which owns the grounds of Fulham and Chelsea, confirmed that he would be floating QPR as a separate company from its parent body and that he, and a partner, would each be putting a million pounds into the club. "That would go some considerable way to acquiring QPR when we buy it out from Marler Estates, something that we are intending to do."

He added that QPR was looking at the possibilities of having a retractable roof at Loftus Road, which would make greater utilization of the ground possible. He said that Marler Estates was in negotiation with Chelsea to sell Stamford Bridge to the football club.

The problem is that Chelsea believe the ground is worth only about £15 million while independent property analysts estimate it is worth £20 million now and probably over £25 million in two years' time when Chelsea's lease expires.

Police made 22 arrests after Portsmouth's first home first division match for 28 years was followed by clashes between Portsmouth and Chelsea fans on Tuesday night.



Championship-chaser: Tim Robinson sends the ball streaking through the covers on the way to 137 against Essex at Chelmsford. He rode his luck to put Nottinghamshire in a strong position against the reigning champions (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Waxing lyrical on a game of human poetry

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

Eloquence is heard, poetry is overheard, John Smart Mill, the philosopher, said. Eloquence supposes an audience, but poetry is unconscious of the listener. MCC's bicentenary match celebrates a game which, more than any, abounds with poetry.

Cricket, of course, is not indifferent to an audience. How often has not Botham played to the gallery, though here is a man whose performance, in spite of himself, has poetry within its eloquence. The spontaneous players down the years have been born with an innate spirit of adventure, who conceded nothing to public expectation or demand, giving away their wicket with no thought of tomorrow.

Macartney, who would score a Test century before lunch, Woolley, who in consecutive innings at Lord's in 1921, against Gregory and McDonald, hit 95 and 93; Constantine, who at Sydney in 1930 took six for 45, including Bradman, Fairfax, McCabe and Kippax; Botham, who beat the Australians so memorably in 1981; they, together with such as Sobers and Miller and Viv Richards, made cricket a game of beauty.

In no other sport is it so true that style is the man. Compton, reproved as a dilettante for his technique by a diligent Middlesex coach, rejoined with impatience after another flurry of runs: "Never mind the left leg, where was the ball."

Constantine, one of the greatest of all-rounders, having rejected at 23 a career in law, said upon retirement: "Had I plodded back to the lawyers' parchment desk, I should perhaps have been wise and successful in interference, and never have known the ecstasy of football."

Neville Cardus, who numbered Lord Birkhead and Sir Thomas Breeham among personal friends, and as a critic acquired a profound knowledge of music, said: "I have met far more interesting characters amongst the cricketers than amongst the musicians of England... No living English musician, critic or performer is half the work of art to look at and to experience as C.B. Fry. I would rather go into a pub with half a dozen north country cricket professionals than into all the studios or theatres and Saville clubs in London. I have tried both, so I know."

Victory or nothing pledge by Border

By Alan Lee

Allan Border, captain of the Rest of the World side in the MCC bicentenary match, which begins at Lord's today, intends to approach the occasion with the same professional determination he gives to Test cricket for Australia.

His players in the World XI are in accord with this attitude. Border revealed last night that they had debated the issue at team meetings and agreed that there would be no light-hearted concessions to the festive atmosphere.

"There are two ways of playing this game," he said. "It is a celebration, so we could treat it purely as a spectacle for the crowd - in other words, no bouncers, everyone plays shots and the result hardly matters. We are not going to do that. We want to play it fair dinkum, just like a Test match."

"Pride will get everyone going, you can be sure. For instance, there is no way I want to get out to Marshall or Hadlee. Cricketers have long memories and things which happen in this game will be talked about for years whenever we meet up."

Border and Clive Lloyd, manager of the World XI, have approached their duties extremely seriously on this short tour, binding their scratch side into a unit through regular team talks and social meetings. Border admits he is impressed by the outcome.

"In a couple of hours, with a few beers, you can do an awful lot of talking and sort out a lot of old wounds. It has surprised me, but it has been very refreshing and, if only for the sake of relations between players, it is a great success."

Several countries encourage male involvement in the game and both Australia and New Zealand have all-male leagues. England have men at all levels of administration, including coaching and umpiring.

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Everton's injury problems mount

By Ian Ross

Everton's defence of the League championship they collected in style last season seems destined to be staged as much in the Goodison Park treatment room as on the field.

With the season less than a week old, Colin Harvey, appointed Everton manager just six weeks ago, is already encountering similar problems to those which so often bedevilled Howard Kendall, his predecessor.

In illustration of the point, seven of the players likely to have been called upon were missing from the champions' line-up at Wimbledon on Tuesday night.

Peter Reid, Gary Stevens, Ian Snodin, Adrian Heath, Neville Southall and Kevin Sheedy have been joined on the sick list by Trevor Steven, the England international, midfielder player, who was withdrawn from the game at Plough Lane shortly before kick-off because of a stomach virus.

In addition to his more immediate problems, Harvey is also having to nurse Paul Bracewell back to fitness. The young England international

has been out of action for more than 12 months after sustaining a serious ankle injury on New Year's day in 1986.

"It really is very difficult to imagine this situation could get much worse. It is unfortunate but something we must face up to. We encountered similar problems at the start of last season and managed to overcome them," Harvey said.

"At this stage I really do not know who will be available for Saturday's game against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground. I remain hopeful that perhaps two or three of the casualties will recover in time. People keep saying to me that my real problems will only begin when every member of my senior squad is fully fit."

"I will then be faced with the problem of who to leave out of the side, but from where I am sitting at the moment that sounds exactly like the sort of problem I would welcome with open arms."

Despite the problems, Everton claimed a point at Wimbledon's expense, an achievement Harvey was swift to acclaim.

Villa pay £100,000 for Butler

By Chris Moore

Aston Villa yesterday completed the £100,000 signing of Lee Butler, the Lincoln City goalkeeper, and are negotiating a deal with Middlesbrough to swap Kevin Poole, their reserve goalkeeper, for Lee Turnball, aged 19, the Middlesbrough forward.

Poole had talks with the Middlesbrough manager, Bruce Rioch, last night and will earn Villa a £10,000 cash adjustment if the deal goes through.

"Turnball has only played a handful of senior games and I don't see him as having immediate first team potential," Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, said, "but he is certainly an exciting prospect whom I consider would be a sound investment for the future."

Butler, aged 20, made 30 appearances for Lincoln last season.

Micky Holmes, the Wolves midfielder who sustained a fractured arm in Tuesday's 3-0 Lilliescups Cup win over Notts County, had a plate inserted in his lower forearm yesterday and will be out of action for up to six weeks.

Throwers implicated in threat over drugs

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Zurich

Andreas Bruegger, the organizer of last night's grand prix meeting in Zurich, is threatening to drop throwing events from his programme until the International Amateur Athletic Federation tightens up its control on the use of drugs.

Bruegger, with large fields for his other events, pointed to the men's discus, with eight competitors, the shot, with four, and the hammer, with only three. He said: "It is the same every year, the throwers say they will compete, and then when the event comes along, they pull out if they think they will fail a dope test."

"The use of anabolic steroids is almost exclusively restricted to throwers, and the IAAF is not doing enough to stop it. There is tremendous resistance to doping controls throughout the year."

Bruegger's implication that throwers are the sole offenders drew an immediate response from Ron Pickering, the chairman of Harrogate AC, and a prominent opponent of drugs-taking. "I think it is very unfair of Bruegger to point the finger at the throwers. What about the blood-dopers in distance running, what about the sprinters? If he is so bothered about drug-taking, why doesn't he refuse

to have Desruelles here?"

Ronald Desruelles is the Belgian sprinter who was banned for life for the use of drugs five years ago. In line with IAAF custom, Desruelles was reinstated after 18 months and has competed with impunity ever since.

Revision of penalties for drugs-taking is to be discussed at the IAAF Congress, which precedes next week's world championships in Rome. First offenders are likely to be banned for two years, with further offences liable to lead to a real life ban. The British Amateur Athletic Board instituted a year-round random dope test programme at the beginning of 1986.

Joaquin Cruz pulled out of last night's *Weltklasse* meeting here, and is due to go to the Swiss national training centre at Macolin for blood tests. The Olympic 800 metres champion from Brazil has been complaining of chest pains and fatigue since coming to Europe last week.

He performed badly in the IAC meeting last Friday, finishing sixth in the 800 metres, and came straight here instead of competing in Cologne. He is scheduled to run in both 800 and 1,500 metres in the world championships, and had already said he had little chance at the shorter distance.

Wendy Sly, meanwhile, is running into form perfectly for the world championships.

Mrs Sly was almost three seconds inside her best 3,000 metres time for the season when she finished second to Maricica Puica, of Romania, in 8min 43.82sec in Zurich last night.

The result duplicated the Olympic final of three years ago. This time, Mrs Sly made most of the running, but was found wanting when Mrs Puica took the lead with just over a lap to run. The Romanian won by about 20 metres in 8min 42.15sec.

Louise Ritter equalled her United States record of 2.01 metres when winning the high jump. She also performed the unlikely feat of beating Stefka Kostadinova for the second time this season. The Bulgarian has now lost three times, after an undefeated season last year.

Elvyn Ashford is having a worse time. She only just qualified for the United States world championships team in the 200 metres, and on the track, where she set a world record of 10.79sec three years ago, she pulled up with 15 metres to go in the first heat.

Blue judo to suit television

By Nicolas Soames

The white suit, one of the traditions of judo, is under threat from the introduction, following pressure from television companies, of blue suits at all European competitions from next year.

The European Judo Union has stipulated that from January 1, in both men's and women's events, one competitor will wear the standard white judo jacket and trousers, and the opponent a blue jacket and trousers.

The decision has been given a mixed reception. Olympic bronze medalists Kenneth Brown and Neil Eckerley are

both strongly in favour. "I haven't seen it yet, but I think it could make judo look more entertaining and exciting and it would highlight more of what is going on," said Brown.

Eckerley's enthusiasm for the blue suit has even extended to asking his father, who works for a Bolton dyer, to dye one of his judo suits. "If it brings in more TV coverage and more money to judo, it must be good for the sport," he said. Both he and Brown would like to see the blue suit also adopted for British competitions, at least at the British Open.

But Syd Hoare, chairman of the British Judo Association, is less welcoming. "If it is just a case of making judo more attractive to television, then I wonder whether to make one whole judo suit blue is a rather unimaginative way of doing it."

Hoare pointed out that for some years now, French teams have worn white judo suits with red, white and blue stripes across the shoulders, which, he said, identifies the player as well as looking good, adding: "Also, I am not sure whether this will go ahead internationally because the Japanese do not like the idea."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Big time beckons

Colin Montgomerie, the Scottish amateur golf champion, is to turn professional today with sponsorship covering the next two years being provided by a number of golf enthusiasts from the banking world (John Hennessy writes).

Montgomerie has twice played in the Walker Cup and distinguished himself this year by winning both his singles when others tended to struggle. The new sponsors are hoping to secure invitations for Montgomerie to play in the Swiss Open and the Panasonic European Open in September.

New post

Bev Risman, the former England Rugby Union international and Great Britain Rugby League captain, has been appointed manager of Fulham Rugby League Club.



Montgomerie: new deal

On hold

Amrath Amrath, one of Palestine's two-man wrestling team yesterday arrived at Clermont Ferrand, in France, only to find he had turned up a day late to take part in the Greco-Roman competition in the world championships. Now the team must wait around for another week when Amrath's partner, Muaid Mustapha, will compete at middleweight in the freestyle division.

Squad named

Kenya's 30-strong team for the world athletics championships in Rome will be spearheaded by John Ngugi, the world cross-country champion, and Paul Kipkoech, who won the 10,000 metres at the All Africa Games earlier this month. Julius Kori, the Olympic champion, will run in his speciality event, the 3,000 metres steeplechase. Among the seven women in the squad is Leah Malot, aged 14, who won the 10,000 metres event at the All-Africa Games.

Basnett signs

John Basnett, the Great Britain and Wales Rugby League wing, signed for Leeds yesterday for a fee of £50,000. Leeds moved swiftly for yet another recruit after Basnett had been unable to agree playing terms for the new season with Widnes. He is the ninth recruit by Leeds during the close season.

Back seat only for men

An attempt by men to gain a stronger foothold in the women-dominated sport of netball has received a setback.

A resolution by the All-England Netball Association calling for the admittance of male officials at international matches has been overruled by the International Federation of Netball Associations at its World Council meeting in Glasgow.

The effect of the ruling was seen at the seventh world tournament in Glasgow, where Ken Stott, the Republic of Ireland side's physiotherapist, was banished to the spectator seating rather than be allowed to accompany his team on court-side.

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